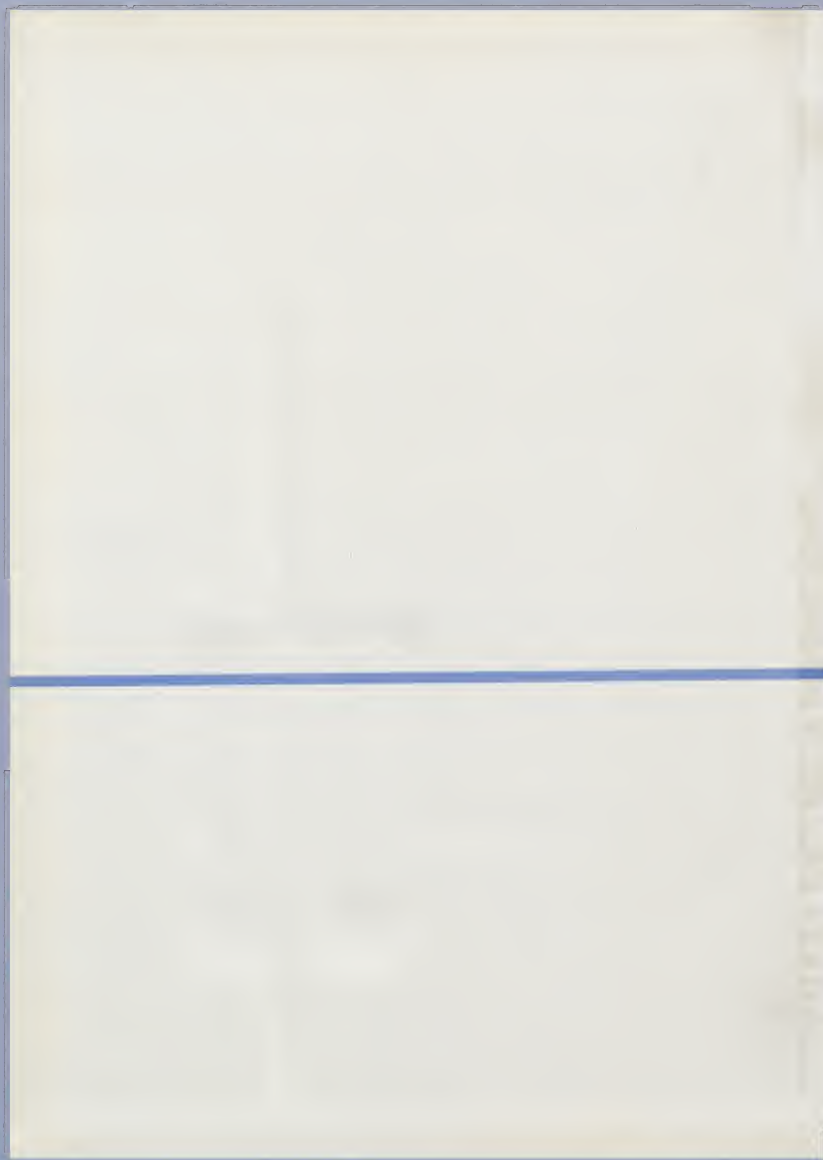




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#### **unleashed**

Practicing his routine as "Mighty the Mustang," Haig Huynh, senior, works on his handstand with the help of Bassam Mohammed, senior. Whether cheering on the sidelines or clowning around in the hallways, boosters breathed life back into the once-sleeping Commons, courtyards and classrooms.

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### experienced duo

Carrying the Boys' Tennis Team to its second consecutive fourth place finish, two time All State doubles partners seniors Bill Gray (top) and Ryan Bulan (bottom) provided leadership and experience to the team. The two played together as a unit for four straight years.



### lunch dates

To find their compatible mates, sophomores Sam Watanapongse, Megan Schulz and Laurie Zurek compare their Dates for Dystrophy combinations in the Commons during lunch Dec. 7. DECA raised \$1,200 for Muscular Dystrophy by distributing almost 1,200 match sheets.



### helping hands

Heading to the pep rally seniors Sarah Susoreny, Jenny Lounsberry, Meaghen Lober, Matt Thompson and Matt DeBoer cross the street hand in hand. "Mr. Russell dared Ms. Dristas' World Lit class to walk across the street holding hands," Meaghen said.



### quick click

With a graphic design in mind, Terry Specyal, senior, contemplates how to make his ideas fit in Mrs. Nancy Newcomb's Computer Graphics class. "I enjoyed the class because we learned something new every day that could help us out with future careers," Terry said.

### center of attention

Students pour out of school heading to the pep rally, Sept. 24. Prior to the 11:15 a.m. dismissal, a short video compiled by Mr. Chuck Schallhorn, psychology teacher, aired during sixth hour.



### show of strength

At the Homecoming pep rally, Andy Saliga, senior, and freshmen Melissa Leslie and Natalie Clippert tug for their class. New additions of **UNmistakable** events like the watermelon eating contest sparked spirit.



**T**houghts of 180 school days on Aug. 23 filled students with dread  
But nobody could have known what laid ahead

From the previously dormant spirit students'  
**UNconventional** style came back  
To the days when they knew that spirit didn't lack

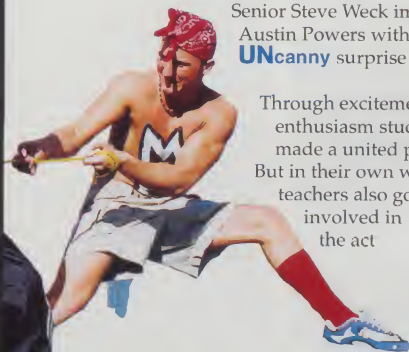
An upset football victory over Lake Central, 28-23  
Caused students to storm the field triumphantly

The Boys' Tennis Team received fourth place at State  
An **UNparalleled** feat to which few could relate

For Dollars for Scholars, students manned the phones  
Raising \$5,000 for scholarships without any groans

And at the Homecoming halftime performance when  
right before our eyes

Senior Steve Weck imitated  
Austin Powers with his  
**UNcanny** surprise



Through excitement and  
enthusiasm students  
made a united pact  
But in their own way,  
teachers also got  
involved in  
the act

**UNmistakable**

events leave uncanny students  
seeking unparalleled success in  
unconventional ways

## pinpoint precision

Carefully copying the image onto the Gesso board with tempera paint, Diana Santay, junior, focuses on her project in Drawing and Painting. The lithoff painting reinforced seeing value, according to Mrs. Linda Haynes, art teacher.



## signing up

While viewing a movie in American Sign Language, sophomores Laura Joens, Becky Gribble, Jami Clause and Filiz Turan mimic the vocabulary and numerals to improve their skills.



## bearing the load

While zipping up freshman Stephanie Campbell's backpack, Jessica Sherman, freshman, catches up on the events of the day. Lunch provided students with 30 minutes to gossip, eat, do homework, or just take a needed break to relax.

## sour faces

During the fall play *Return to the Forbidden Planet*, juniors Nicole Pellegrino and Brandon Sweeney display their acting talents. After the musical, Mrs. Renee Kouris retired after 22 years of directing.



## rallying link

Hanging posters for the pep rally on a clear Sept. 24 day, sophomores Stephanie Rosenbaum, Paige Wagner, Amanda Spivey and Sarah Baker attempt to raise sophomore spirit.

## complex puzzle

In order to finish their assignment, juniors Tiffany Brown and Katie Sliwa concentrate on a crossword. Crosswords offered students a chance to review before the test.







Mrs. Mary Yorke's AP Composition classes had a small celebration  
Thanking Guidance secretary Mrs. Violet Zudock for her devoted dedication

Learning how to sign gave students a new choice  
By taking American Sign Language they learned to talk without using their voice

Students and teachers paint only part of the picture  
Our social life consisted of most of this mixture

Some people found ways to make the time pass  
By chatting online or playing Sega Dreamcast

Students flipped the channel to watch  
*Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?*  
And wished they could sit across from  
Regis in the hot chair

As the millenium approached, students  
proceeded with wonder  
Not knowing what would fall victim to a  
Y2K blunder

Now everyone looked back and told all  
the jokes  
Of how the media created the  
Y2K hoax

So you can't really say that

**UN**  
monster  
so bleak

Very soon you will see that  
we're truly unique

#### looking on

While events take place at the pep rally, Bob Brenner, senior, watches with toilet paper wrapped around his head. **UNlikely** occurrences spurred excitement and spirit throughout the entire student body.



### fancy framework

Eying the Chewbacca float, Shannon Harvey, sophomore, applies the finishing touches. "It was fun to hang out and get to know the other people in my grade," Shannon said.

### natural setting

In Mr. Dave Russell's fifth hour Creative Writing class, Sarah Susoreny, senior, lays under a tree working on her story about her assigned partner and the surroundings. "I enjoyed Creative Writing a lot," Sarah said. "We went outside every once and a while when the weather was nice and wrote about nature."



### taking a dip

Taking a quick break during swimming in physical education, freshmen Neema Shah and Kelly Markovich chat while clinging to the edge. As a requirement of the class, freshmen had to swim for two weeks during the semester.

### dining dilemma

With her hands full, Jenny Dalhousi, senior, tries to figure out how to pay as juniors Jenny Sharp and Erin Talabay laugh at her misfortune. Because the Farm Stand line did not offer trays, students carried flimsy paper plates back to their seats.



# UNconventional

style gives students individuality while taking part in school spirit

**S**tudents found **UNconventional** ways  
To incorporate life and studies into  
their days

They tuned to *The Simpsons*, *That '70s Show*, and *Smackdown*  
And cheered the Mustangs on from  
town to town

At the Hammond Boys' Basketball game,  
we watched flips with a stare  
As senior Christie Griffin and sophomore  
Kyle Hayes flipped through the air

But we still settled down and  
focused intently on grades  
By studying all night and going to  
tutors for aid

Playing board games in class strayed  
away from the normal obligation  
Even though Jeopardy and Risk provided  
review information

Deboning a turkey in Foods produced a  
few sour looks  
While students strove to achieve the  
status of gourmet cooks

Students gained valuable skills when  
they entered the school  
And they still had time to maintain  
their image of "cool."

## poking fun

In response to Marisa Anzur, junior, Desiree Ballanco, junior, thrusts her tongue out while Danielle DeLaney, senior, watches. Students often expressed emotions to show their unusual personalities and senses of humor.

## strike a pose

With a smile on her face, Nicole Pellegrino, junior, dances to '80s music dressed in her **UNconventional** clash of purple, pink, and green. "By being so outrageous on spirit days and not being afraid to show it, you grew a lot personally," Nicole said.

## GROOVYglasses

Walking through the Commons before Christmas break, Steve Pesich, senior, attempts to repair his "2000" glasses with help from Steve Mendoza, senior, to help celebrate the coming of the new millennium.



## iMAC attack

Conducting research for a paper in Composition, seniors Justin Gogolak, Sarah Hannigan, and Brian Heinemann take advantage of the new computers in the English lab. The new computers gave students the chance to use the Internet to gather information.

## THE look



freshmen Liz Anderson and Emily Hoban



Josh Lipton, sophomore



Mike Stoffregen, freshman



Laura Dunn, junior

## THE five

**Aight** alright, fine  
**BFE** in the middle of nowhere  
**Chillin'** sitting around by yourself or with friends  
**Dogg** used interchangeably, esp. as a replacement for a name, usually a good friend  
**Dude** wow! can express excitement, disappointment, impatience, or surprise  
**Gank** to steal or take  
**Ghetto** broken down, trashy  
**I'm down** I'll go with you  
**I'm straight** I'm good  
**Killer** great, good  
**Phat** excellent, hot  
**Poser** fake, counterfeit  
**Postal** crazy

**Prep** a label wearing school active person  
**Quit jockin' my style** Quit copying me  
**Rock on!** You care, but I don't.  
**Score** yes! yeah!  
**Scrub** loser, nerd  
**Shady** suspicious, hiding something or not being upfront  
**Smack** saying bad things behind peoples back  
**Sweet** excellent, cool  
**Tight** awesome, great, very very cool  
**Tofu** people who absorb their friends personalities  
**Wicked** cool, great, really nice, extremely fun  
**Yoink** said when one steals something

## GARLAND glamour

With green stars around his head, Terry Specval, senior, finishes his lunch. "I had to dress differently sometimes, because if everyone dressed alike, we would be a bunch of zombies with no style at all," Terry said.

## EXPRESS lane

Sporting the usual "prep" look while in the salad bar line, Melissa Moore, junior, tops her salad. Students found their own unconventional style through different clothing and terminology.





# MAKING OUR

# mark

**From Austin Powers to wearing a skirt on opposite sex day, students found creative ways to express individuality**

**Y2K**

**fizzle**

Concern over millenium meltdown found students and families preparing for potential disaster

**64%** Nothing

**28%** Saved water

**13%** Bought extra canned goods

**10%** Extra batteries

**9%** Bought extra toilet paper/paper towels

**4%** Bought a generator

**2%** Extra cash on hand

313 students surveyed

Decked out in a powder blue suit and a white ruffled shirt, Steve Weck, senior, performed as Austin Powers on the football field during the Homecoming halftime show. With the Dance Team behind him, Steve imitated the "swinging" character in front of the fans.

Students set their own personal groove as the days grew shorter and everyone anticipated the coming of the new millenium.

"Before Y2K, I didn't really think much of it because I knew about all the technology we had to stop any problems," Brad Lipton, senior, said. "After it happened, I thought it was a bunch of stuff that somebody made up to make a lot of money."

Although Y2K ended up problem-free, students found other ways to show their style.

"It was important to be different because that made you who you were, like how you dressed and acted," Amanda Spivey, sophomore, said.

Students looked for a variety of ways to stand out. From clothing trends to hairstyles, teens strived to establish their own identity.

"In my opinion, our school has this reputation of being 'snobs,'" Rob Branson, junior, said. "We were forced to stray away from stereotype right from the beginning. Then you had a lot of different factions like the 'jocks' and the 'skaters,' so most kids in Munster already had two stereotypes going against them before a lot of people knew who they were. Therefore, we had to try to differentiate ourselves from the crowd."

Other students found that their attitude, personality and activities helped them to get recognized by their peers.

"People that stood out were the fans at the football games or the boys with 'MHS' on their chest, and when we had school spirit days, like (Rob) Branson on opposite sex day," Courtney Mambourg, freshman, said.

As the music stopped and the football players took their place back on the field, the bleachers, filled with students clad in red and white, continued to cheer. Students carried that same spirit around with them throughout the hallways as they tried to discover their own identities and give them a recognizable face around school.

# all pumped up

From '80s  
day to a  
43-10  
victory  
over  
Hammond,  
students  
catch the  
Force's  
spirit

As Stephanie wandered through the halls, the freshman encountered sights that she never would have believed. Walking through North on her way to class, she confronted black garbage bag-like strips dangling from the hall ceiling tiles outside Mrs. Mary Yorke's English classroom. Peeking inside the cave-like structure, she found bright lights and a misspelled sign that read "Welome to the Dark Side." Quickly speeding through the exaggerated Advisory Door decorations, she detoured to her locker. Blaring sounds of the *Star Wars* theme song lured her on, as she found Darth Maul posters and life-sized Chewbacca cutouts in front of English teacher Mr. Marc Lehnerer's classroom door. Overwhelmed by the sights, she hurried to her class and sunk down in her chair to calm her racing heart. Who would have believed that *Star Wars* would invade and take over the school for a whole week?



Randy Gavrilovich,  
senior

some of the *Stars*

juniors Jamie Rosko, Julie Joseph



Roman Teller, junior

John Pesich, junior



Brian Treasure,  
senior





### trikin' on

To increase spirit, Katie Gluek, junior, cheers before the tricycle race. "I painted 'juniors' on my arms and legs hoping to spread my spirit," Katie said.

### fired up

With raised fist, Jason Helbling, senior, riles up the senior section during the pep rally. Spirited chants and their victorious Darth Maul float helped the seniors capture the Spirit Trophy.

### strong pull

Straining with all their might, the juniors defeat the freshmen in the pep rally Tug of War. "I remember going up there thinking there was no way we would let them win," Rob Branson, junior, said.



seniors Haig Huyhnh, Mark Olley



juniors Katie Gluek, Abby DeBoer



Marc Stojkovich, senior



David Culberg, junior

### breaking through

Assisted by Bryan Washausen, senior, the Mustangs storm onto the field before the Homecoming game Sept. 24. The Mustangs' 43-10 victory gave them their first win over Hammond in the last four attempts.



### sneak peek

Peeking through the nearly finished Chewbacca float, Liz Olley, sophomore, chats with a friend. "It gave our class a

chance to be together and get to know each other better while having fun at the same time," Liz said.

### finishing touch

By placing a puff onto their Darth Vader float, juniors Kevin Cane and Kaitlin Kovach help complete the project. "Float building was one event during the Homecoming Week that could bring the classes together," Kaitlin said. "It provided for lots of unity and school spirit."

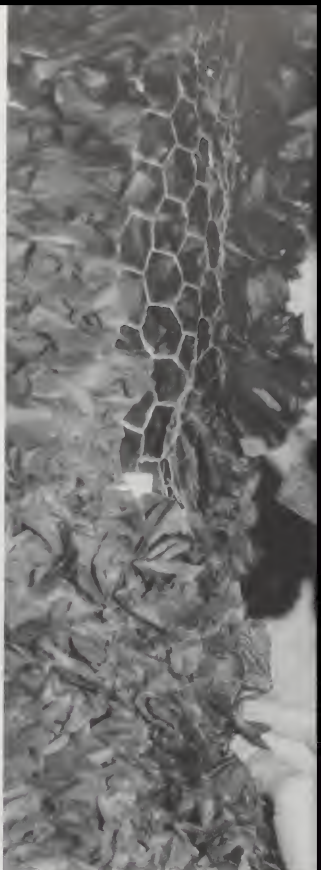


### steady hand

With a look of concentration, senior Marc Stojkovich adds red, white and black paint to senior Pat Caille's face on Homecoming Friday. Face painting allowed students to show their spirit in different ways.

### spirited show

Sporting an "S" on his chest, Steve Weck, senior, shouts encouragements to the football team during the Homecoming game. Steve along with seniors Steve Pesich and Andy Saliga spelled out "MHS" at games.



Colleen Summers, sophomore

Eric Yttri, senior



juniors Lauren Weichman, Jenny Gaskill



Rob Branson, junior



Julie Valand, junior Ryan Beemer, senior



**Amidst** loud applause resounding throughout all areas of the cafeteria, Rob Branson, junior, acknowledged the rowdy lunchroom by raising his arms while balancing a lunch tray on his fake chest filled with balloons.

"I did it to raise school spirit," Rob said. "It was just to make the school atmosphere more fun. Everytime I got to dress up like a girl, I liked it."

Cross-dressing day and '80s day allowed students to show spirit and have fun at the same time while wearing unusual clothing.

"It was fun to dress up and watch everyone wear weird clothes, like on '80s day," Kassy Pawlowicz, junior, said. "It was definitely a change of pace when the school was usually strict."

As Rob and his other cross-dressing buddies sauntered down the hall in their tight blouses and short skirts, people pointed and laughed showing that spirit sparked good times.

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**Rob  
Branson,  
junior**

**Fully** aware of what would leave senior Marc Stojkovich's mouth, the crowd began to cheer wildly.

"I was lying in bed last night, and I drifted off to sleep and dreamt that we were beating Hammond 14-3," Marc said, imitating quarterback Lance Harbor's speech in the movie *Varsity Blues*.

The crowd, following the movie, began to yell and scream during Marc's pauses.

"I woke up and I was kind of sad," Marc continued to a chorus of compassionate 'Awwwws' from the stands. "But then I cheered up real quick when it was only a dream, 'cause I know we will beat Hammond by way more than that."

Marc's soliloquy fired up the crowd at the Homecoming pep rally, as did other new events. Watermelon dripped from each contestant's mouth and 15-18 year old students hopped on tiny tricycles to compete for the Spirit Trophy.

"It was so well done that I actually participated," Amber LaReau, junior, said. "The atmosphere was different, and I was in the midst of my class. The spirit was definitely all around me."

As Randy Gavrilovich, senior, raised his arms in triumph with his soaking shirt covered with watermelon, the Senior Class erupted. Even though the seniors captured the spirit trophy, spirit spread throughout the entire student body.

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**Marc  
Stojkovich,  
senior**

seniors Andy Saliga and Brittany Fritzsche



James Pavisian, sophomore

**Breathing** a sigh of relief, seniors Poonam Shah and Angie Keslin slowly walked out to their car to the sounds of silence after the completion of their float at 3 a.m. Friday, Sept. 24.

Working on floats not only helped class unity for sophomores, juniors and seniors, it helped to bring people together and make new friends.

"This year was the best turnout of the class of 2000," Angie said. "Someone at the float mentioned to me how the class seemed to unify while working on it. I looked around and saw people from many different 'cliques' talking to each other."

Through their hard work and dedication, the



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**Angela Keslin, senior**

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**Jim Hamblin, junior**

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**Kathleen Caine, sophomore**

seniors achieved their goal by winning the float competition with their Darth Maul figure. Students like Angie who worked on the float all four nights of the week displayed the pride of the Senior Class.

"I felt great pride in the Senior Class," Angie said. "I knew how badly the seniors wanted to win and we demonstrated the spirit to back that up."

Stunned juniors and their Darth Vader float placed second while the sophomores' Chewbacca imitation finished third.

"I really wanted my class to win," Tiffany Sanders, junior, said. "We wanted to beat the seniors badly. I thought we didn't win because the teachers who voted felt a little sorry for the seniors, because they didn't win last year."

As the few remaining seniors struggled to keep their eyes open early Friday morning, they continued to work diligently on their class float. No matter the outcome, floats built pride and determination into each individual class.

**Roaring** sirens, flashing lights, honking horns and cheering students herded into a truck like cattle provided for a deafening, unified noise that resounded throughout the heart of the town.

However, extra-curricular groups and each individual class produced their own way to help package the spirit during the Homecoming parade.

"This was the first year we had an actual float instead of just a spirit truck," Adam Jadryev, sophomore, said. "I wanted to ride on it and show some school spirit. I had a great time screaming chants and riding with my friends."

The parade served as an opportunity to allow students to display their creations for the first time.

"I believed some people were born to write books," Jim Hamblin, junior, said. "I believed others were born to fly airplanes, but I felt that I was definitely born to build floats."

As the parade wound down, remnants of candy and torn paper littered Calumet Avenue and Ridge Road, leaving the town aware of the students' spirit.

**Smiling** as brightly as the rhinestone crown that shined on her head under the lights, Christie Griffin, senior, accepted her rose bouquet as the new Homecoming Queen.

"I had no clue why I was nominated," Christie said. "I really expected nothing. I felt so privileged just to be nominated when there were so many other girls who could have been picked."

Christie, an active member on the Varsity Cheerleading Squad, also worked on *Crier* as Design Editor and dealt with a part-time job at Fashion Bug. Her kindness also appealed to voters.

"I voted for Christie because she was a decent person who was nice to everybody she knew," Kathleen Caine, sophomore, said.

Instead of savoring her victory and watching the rest of the Homecoming game, Christie jumped back into her cheerleading uniform to join the students that had chosen her as Homecoming Queen.



Becky Herron, sophomore

Morgan Matthews, senior



### class competition

Working on the sophomore's third place Chewbacca float, Danny Larson turns his head to check out his next duties. Before the parade, Kevin Cane, junior, makes sure that the puffs on the second place Darth Vader float wouldn't detach. Seniors Ron Barkowski, Matt Koscielski, and Kyle Brazel put the finishing touches on Darth Maul minutes before the parade begins. Applying red paint to Darth Maul's head, Zal Bilimoria, senior, adds finishing touches to the Senior Class' victorious float.



### pleasant surprise

As her name echoes from the speakers at halftime of the Homecoming football game, Christie Griffin, senior, reacts while escort Bill Gray, senior, stands by. The Homecoming Court including Emily Maghiola, Sheri Meyers, Brittany Fritzsche, Christie, Angelie Martich, and Stephanie Gill gathered after the ceremony for pictures.



Stephanie Zeck, sophomore



Joe Martino, senior



Caroline Camp, junior

## All Together

In the middle of building their class float, a group of juniors take a break to cheer themselves on. Each day during Homecoming week, each class gathered in their own garage to build floats out of chicken wire and crepe paper.

## Hot off the Grill

Grilling another hot dog, Jason Helbling, senior, tailgates before a Mustang football game. "My friends and I organized the tailgating after Lake Central tailgated at our school," Jason said.



## Laugh and Cheer

In between warm-ups, Lady Seashores perform a cheer to prepare for the home meet. Throughout the season, swimmers dressed up for specially themed days to show spirit before Sectionals Feb. 6.

## Shake It Up

Before the Homecoming parade began, freshmen Colleen Adley and Lauren Jones cheer at the pep rally Sept. 24. Cheerleaders then boarded convertibles with decorated signs for the trek across town.





# uniting as one



A pink wig flashed through the hall as Laura Dunn, junior, prepared for the Advisory preview of *Return to the Forbidden Planet*. Three dedicated fans attended football games weekly, clad only in pants and face-paint. Each team member stepped up to kiss a stuffed animal before the Debate meet began. Motives differed, but the goal remained to show affection for a cause.

Whether spirit supported football or drama, enthusiasm set students apart from ordinary faces in the crowd.

"Spirit was showing support for something you loved," Marko Medynsky, freshman, said. "One of the things I really supported was band. I played at extra pep bands."

Jodi Rosenthal, sophomore, demonstrated her real passion, drama, directing the fall musical and starring in other productions.

"I loved drama because I was never really into sports, and I put my all into drama," Jodi said. "You just had to be there for people. When they were feeling down, I would do anything in the world to make them feel better."

Students believed spirit represented dedication to a cause, although the reason for their dedication varied.

## Ringing in Victory

While Steve Pesich, senior, rings the victory bell after a touchdown, seniors Andy Saliga and Steve Weck help by cheering. "(We started cheering) to get the crowd involved. It inspired students, especially seniors," Andy said.



## A Different Beat



Because he didn't like "wife beater" day during Homecoming week, Sean Adley, senior, and friends wore togas to school. Although each week day provided students with unique themes, some groups chose their own dress-up days.

"School spirit was devotion, not necessarily the expression of insanity," Shardu Shah, junior, said. "I did this by supporting school activities and by not bad-mouthing the school."

The essence of spirit, different for everyone, involved not only sports.

"Spirit created a reason to get into school," Pat Cailles, senior, said. "It almost provided a reason to look forward to it and showed that we were proud to be the Class of 2000."

Although it failed to encompass the entire school, many students found themselves caught up in spirit.

Steve Weck, senior, stood in cold weather with fellow seniors Steve Pesich and Andy Saliga during every football game. Together, the three spelled out "MHS" on their stomachs. During basketball season, Steve sat in the front row to yell words of encouragement to his peers.

"There was something inside of me that no one else had that allowed me to go crazy," Steve said.

Sitting in freezing cold to cheer on a team or wearing a pink wig to school on the day of a play, rituals provided students with something to put their love and enthusiasm into.

## Hands Up

Rarely seen at games without their lettered "wife beater" shirts, a group of dedicated juniors and seniors cheer on the Mustang football players. Fan clubs attended games weekly to support the Mustangs as they headed to a 7-3 season.



Showing everyone what they stand for, students display spirit for clubs, sports and activities in unique ways



# in full swing

Tin foil  
wrapped  
students  
and  
whipped  
cream  
covered  
principal  
help  
break  
January  
dullness

"...and the number one reason seniors deserve to win the spirit award...spirit takes four years to perfect."

Screams and shouts rang out as Steve Weck, senior, shared the top ten reasons why seniors should have won the spirit trophy at the Winter Homecoming pep rally in the field house, Friday, Jan. 28. Seniors took the trophy for the third consecutive year, and their pride echoed throughout each class with their chants and cheers.

"I knew that the seniors would pull off that trophy for the third year in a row," Steve said. "There was no doubt about it. We always had the most spirit out of all the classes. I wanted to let everyone who wasn't sure that we would win, hear the reasons why we were. It was fun to come up with the Top 10 for the pep rally. The rest of the Senior Class obviously agreed with them, because their spirit was overwhelming."

Between Mr. Michael O'Connor's, principal, pie-in-the-face and Steve's Top 10 list for seniors, student and faculty's spirit showed through their actions.

"The pie-in-the-face was cool because Steve Weck had the opportunity to throw a pie at Mr. O'Connor," Jodi Rosenthal, sophomore, said. "Everyone enjoyed it."

At halftime of the basketball game Saturday Jan. 29, Steve Ciric, senior, accepted his title of Winter Homecoming King.

"I was actually surprised that I won King," Steve said. "It started out as a joke in my Advisory. I had everyone vote for me. I told them that if I won then I'd pay for the whole class to have a pizza party. I thought that it was really awesome that I won."

Highlighted by a 10-point comeback against Hammond and another Senior Class spirit victory, Winter Homecoming Week served its purpose of increasing spirit.

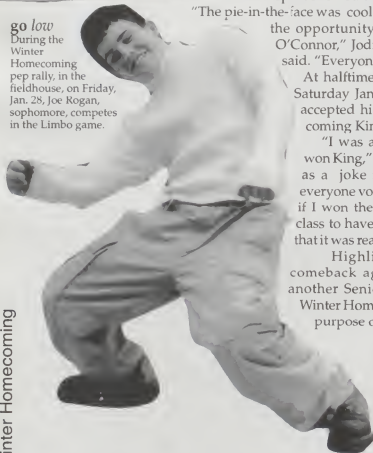
## high spirits

Helping to decorate the Commons for Winter Homecoming week, Steve Weck, senior, hangs a sign on the senior wall hoping to spread school spirit to the rest of the student body.

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**Steve Ciric,  
senior**

*go low*  
During the  
Winter  
Homecoming  
pep rally, in the  
fieldhouse, on Friday,  
Jan. 28, Joe Rogan,  
sophomore, competes  
in the Limbo game.



**getting down**  
During 'Penthouse Melodies' performance in the Commons Saturday, Jan. 29, seniors Brittany Fritzsche and Brad Lipton dance at the Winter Homecoming dance.

## faces in the Crowd



Mr. Stephen  
Wrablewski,  
math teacher



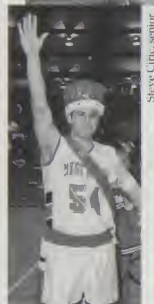
Steve Pesch, senior



Dan Alsop, freshman



Matt Kosiba, senior



Steve Cirio, senior



### top dog

After receiving a pie-in-the-face at the Winter Homecoming pep rally, Mr. Mike O'Connor, principal, says a few words to the assembly. "It was a good assembly until the pie-in-the-face," Mr. O'Connor said. "But faculty showing school spirit was important."



### foil fix

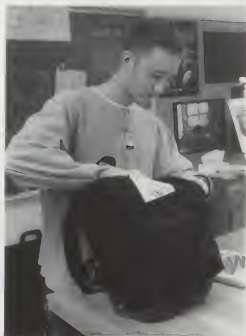
With his body covered in foil from head to toe, Kevin Wadycki, sophomore, strolls through the cafeteria during lunch, showing off his futuristic clothes. "I enjoyed showing school spirit by wearing foil because it was original," Kevin said.

## Sharing Ideas

While glancing over the answers on her U.S. History homework, Wanda Kolodziejczyk, junior, chats with Steve Ashby, senior, about her day's work. "It helped to have someone you could talk to about homework," Wanda said. "That way there would always be somebody to ask when you get stuck on a question."

## Quick Pick

With one last search for his homework, Tim Siukola, senior, digs through his backpack before the bell rings for his Drawing and Painting class. Students often found themselves in binds when they misplaced their homework.



## Quick Catch Up

After finishing his sandwich, Kevin Zurek, sophomore, takes the time to study his homework before lunch ends. "Usually I used the lunch hour to catch up on the rest of my homework, but I also used it to do extra work," Kevin said.

## Sitting Out

Breaking away from Katie McGill, junior, and her usual Color Guard routine, Krystle Michel, junior, catches up on Algebra 2 homework. "Flag practice was the perfect time to do homework," Krystle said. "During the breaks, I would study, do homework, or just talk to friends."



## Paper Mates

After their summer reading test, Liz Anderson, freshman, borrows a piece of paper to start on an assignment from Lauren Hamblin, freshman. "My binder kept everything intact, and it was easier to file homework that way," Liz said.





# Keeping in check

With hundreds of papers spewing out of her folders and her load of books toppling over her desk, Liz Criswell, sophomore, searched for her assignment to turn in to Mrs. Eileen Meier, German teacher.

Staying organized, battling hassles and benefits of jobs, maintaining focus provides difficulties for students in managing time

Whether losing an assignment or rushing to finish homework, students suffered the consequences due to lack of order.

"I waited until the very last minute to do everything," Liz said. "I turned in most things on time, but it might have been only half done."

Students like Pete Vander Sluis, junior, devoted their time to school with enough still left over for his homelife and family.

"The ideal thing to do was to divide up your time," Pete said. "I spent some of it with my family, some with friends, and usually the rest was spent by doing homework or something with school."

Organization and a schedule made Pete's life much easier at home as well as at school. Students often used tools such as the assignment notebooks that the school provided for them or personal planners to keep control of their lives.

"Being organized was a must," Pete said. "If I lost any of my homework or just forgot to do it, my grades would have gone down and my mom probably would have killed me."

Without self-discipline and organization, students flustered to find ways to keep themselves out of jams. Problems occurred when students spent all of their time at home watching television or surfing the Internet, instead of studying for the upcoming test or doing that night's homework.

"A lot of my time was spent online," Katie Schlesinger, freshman, said. "I usually had to watch myself so I wouldn't stay on too long so I could do homework or whatever else that had to be done."

Without order and regulation, Liz frantically

scribbled down a few words on her last question to finish her homework during passing period seconds before the bell for her next class rang.

## Planning Ahead

To organize her thoughts on paper, Jessica Oprinovich, junior, writes down her homework in her assignment notebook after a Pre-Calculus test in her second hour class. "The assignment notebooks the school gave really helped me get on top of things," Jessica said



# Organized chaos



### Sweet and Sour

Careful not to burn herself, Krystle Michel, junior, empties the Chicken McNugget tray at her job at McDonald's on Ridge Road. Krystle worked after school 20 hours a week to pay for her car and to have money for entertainment.



### Tiny Troubles

Taking time to assist three-year old Evann, Laura Hansen, senior, helps him out with a problem at her job at St. Paul's Lutheran Day Care Center. "I planned on going into education, and that job provided me with the skills and hands-on training that I needed," Laura said.

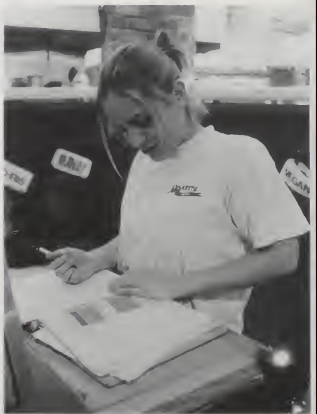


### Order Up

Talking with a customer about the daily specials at Round the Clock, Marija Djokic, junior, takes his order. She worked there after school and on weekends as a waitress to earn extra money for shopping on days off.

### Out of Time

In between helping customers, Mandy Biel, senior, quickly finishes up on some neglected homework. "I stayed at Rosati's until 10 p.m., and that was the only time I could fit my homework in," Mandy said.





# Weighing the Organized chaos options

While Adam Evans, junior, pulls a crisp \$20 bill out of his worn-out wallet to pay for a CD, he thought about the long hours spent at Dairy Queen earning that cash. Acquired only hours before, the clock seemed to tick away half his paycheck leaving him short changed until his next pay day.

Beginning his long night of work right after school and waking up early on weekends, Adam labored at his part time job. The benefits of money and learning life skills attracted him to his job.

"I got a job to participate in something after school,"

Adam said. "It provided a place for me to go and something to do. It also taught me values and how to manage my time."

Students discovered that jobs developed into more than just time fillers. They allowed for experiences that helped students out in life, like Brittany Fritzsche, senior, who worked at Hartfield Village

as a waitress.

"I improved my people interaction a lot from my job," Brittany said. "I learned money management and responsibility from having to be at work everyday."

With only 24 hours in a day, however, teen workers wished they could have added more time to their hectic day. School and their jobs took up much of that time, leaving a challenge for students to fit in other necessities.

"I had to plan my time very precisely because of the time spent on my jobs," Adam Wallace, sophomore, said. "I tried to get everything done on the weekends. Then, that left me time during the week to do the essentials such as friends, family and schoolwork."

Valerie Porras, junior, forfeited her Friday and Saturday nights to work. She couldn't fit work into any other time slot except the weekend days and nights.

"I used to work during the week, but then I started slacking off on my studies," Valerie said. "Then, I just worked on the weekends, which was better because I saw my family and had time for everything else in life."

As Adam went to work that night, he tried not to concentrate on the mounds of homework that piled up at home, but instead on what he could spend his paycheck on the next time.

From  
spending  
money on  
clothes to  
entertainment,  
students fight  
through  
hassles of  
working to  
gain benefits

## Time is money

From early morning newspaper routes to late-night babysitting jobs, students worked part of their extra time and spent their paychecks in the rest.

### Hours worked per week

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| 0-5 hours:   | 61% |
| 5-10 hours:  | 14% |
| 10-20 hours: | 13% |
| 20-30 hours: | 8%  |

### Where the money goes

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Leisure:  | 68% |
| Clothing: | 49% |

### Why they work

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Pocket money:  | 51% |
| Entertainment: | 35% |

170 students surveyed

### Sizing Up

Thanks to her job at Marcus Jewelers, Tiffany Sanders, junior, saved enough money to buy her dress for Homecoming. "Working wasn't fun, but when I could get something I wanted it made it all worth while," Tiffany said.

### Kicking Back

Focused on his test in the quiet hallway during class, Steve Weck, senior, reads the questions on the exam. Students who missed tests had to reschedule them for before, during or after school to retake.

### Sleepy Students

While only half the gym class swims to reduce crowding, Sam Skaggs, freshman, rests along with freshmen Aubrey Burdeau and Leslie Parker on the bleachers. "We were all very tired from the activities everyday," Sam said. "This was a good time to rest up for our classes."



## Timely Tips

From planners to list making, students share advice

"Take a couple of minutes each day to put things into perspective. Take a deep breath and list all the tasks that need to be tended to."  
Madhi Ojagh,  
sophomore

"If you are so busy that you are overwhelmed, and you don't have enough time to see your friends or family, then start cutting away,"  
Adam Wesolowski,  
sophomore

"Use a daily planner to keep your appointments fresh in your mind and plan them ahead of time to help you juggle your time later."  
Zack Jones,  
senior

"I set times that I needed to do things, like starting homework at 4:30 p.m., so I didn't get caught watching TV or going online."  
Tracey Hoffman,  
freshman

### Wonder Woman

Riding the stationary bike in the training room before an after school practice, Amanda Salinas, senior, attempts to rehabilitate her ankle after spraining it in a basketball

game. Amanda filled her schedule by playing on the varsity level in volleyball, basketball and track, as well as excelling off the field with a 3.75 GPA in her classes.



# Testing the Organized limits

With backpacks and schedules filled, students decide whether to remain on task or to relax

Glancing at her overflowing personal planner, Emily Magliola, senior, noted the busy week she had ahead of her. She quickly calmed herself and focused on her upcoming events. Meanwhile, in a desk right down the hall from her, sat Kevin Wadycki, sophomore, who looked forward to an afternoon of rest and relaxation, playing video games and watching television.

Emily's typical week would tire many people out. With work and tutoring on Mondays and Fridays, cheerleading on Tuesdays and Thursdays, piano lessons once a week and 4-H club once a month, Emily constantly found herself involved in something different.

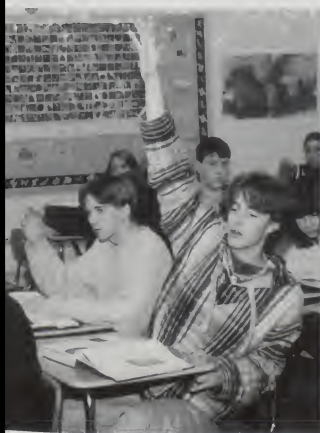
"Ever since I was little, I had always been very involved in whatever I did," Emily said. "I was not the type of person to sit around, and if I did, I felt as though the day was wasted away."

After his seven-hour day at school, Kevin relaxed during the afternoon. He listened to music and had a snack, in

addition to doing his homework.

"After returning home from a long day of school, I didn't have any energy left to do anything," Kevin said. "Going to school was enough for me."

Feeling relaxed and laid back made it to the top of Kevin's priorities. Instead of going home only to venture off to work or participate in an activity after school, Kevin, unlike Emily, would have rather spent the remainder of the day watching television, sleeping, listening to the radio, or going online.



## High Goals

Enthusiastically raising his hand, David Przybylski, junior, prepares to answer a question in Mr. Mike Wells' Earth Science class. "It has always been my absolute goal in school to live higher than my teacher's expectations that they previously set for me," David said.

## Extra Help

For extra help in U.S. History, Pete Mamula, senior, turns to Stephanie Gill, senior, for tutoring. NHS members tutored their peers after school and during contact time in the cafeteria. "It was great that students could help each other," Pete said. "Stephanie was a great tutor."



Students accept extra jobs as they take on parental role at home

# Duty Bound

"I ended up being a father figure for my little brother. I had to teach him all the same things my dad would have taught him and still be a friend at the same time." Tim Siukola, senior

**R**ushing home from school to get a head start on her homework, Nicci Gries, junior, found a long list of chores left by her mom to finish. With a sigh of remorse, she started on her work.

With all the work every night, students found chores very hard to complete, especially with one less parent to help, like Nicci had.

"I helped my mom with taking care of my siblings, doing dishes, cleaning, or basically whatever she needed and I could do," Nicci said.

For Tim Siukola, senior, responsibilities involved a more difficult process in his house to do everyday chores. His duties at home evolved into something a bit more complicating.

"I ended up being a father figure and mentor for my little brother," Tim said. "I had to teach him all the same things my dad would have taught him and still be a friend at the same time."

Siblings frequently depended on older brothers and sisters for love, shelter, help with homework and choices, according to Nicci.

"I think that prepared me for a more well adjusted adult life," Nicci said. "With all of the responsibilities put on me, I learned to manage my time better and more conservative."

Unusual occurrences in their lives caused these students to grow up faster than normal. They learned to manage difficulties better and more efficiently.

"It was very difficult at first to fill my dad's shoes," Tim said. "However, as time went on, my maturity level rose and after my dad passed away, I looked at things in the grand scheme of life, and that helped me make my decisions better and more efficiently."

Stress added up when students balanced all the home responsibilities, especially with an academic and social life. Everyone used different tactics to deal with daily stress. Students went out with friends to relax and focus on something different.

With all of the work on their shoulders, some students found themselves complaining and blaming the mistakes on someone else. However, opinions differed greatly between them.

"Complaining didn't get you anywhere," Tim said. "You had to deal with what you had. Not everyone had a picture perfect life."

In the midst of bathroom cleaners, crying siblings, and a kitchen sink overflowing with dishes, Nicci remained in check with reality. After completing the long list left for her, she then scampered to her room to finish her schoolwork.





### Squeaky Clean

After making lunch for his sister, Kyle Bieda, sophomore, scrubs the dishes clean. Kyle often helped his parents out by making food for the other members of his family.



### Timely Trimming

With hedge clippers, Pat Hanas, junior, trims a bush to help around the house. "I felt that I earned my way in the household by doing work."

### Dust Bunny

Cleaning the piano she practices on, Colleen Summers, sophomore, helps out with the chores around the house. "Because my mom worked all day, I helped her out by doing some light housework," Colleen said.



### Household Help

To aid her parents in housekeeping, Nicci Gries, junior, vacuums the family room twice a week. "By doing simple favors, I helped my parents out in a big way," Nicci said.

### Sibling Rivalry

Taking a break from shoveling, Erick Sherman, junior, and his sister Jessica, freshman, heave snow at each other. "It was a way to make an otherwise boring job interesting," Jessica said.

## Grade Check

In hopes of finding their grades up to par, juniors Ben Samara, Dave Pleiner, and Vince Sochacki look at their most recent grade in Chemistry in the Community.

## True Reflection

Practicing for the Jan. 21 Speech Competition, Joey Manderino, freshman, recites his lines while watching his facial expressions in the mirror. Speech members found that by practicing in front of a mirror their scores improved.



## Final Touches

With drill in hand, Dave Lundin, senior, improves the visual attractions for the fall play while drilling the last bit of materials onto the set. "We worked extra hours to perfect the sets for the play, and it paid off," Dave said.

## Close Look

Arms crossed and eyes fixed on his French 4 assignment, David Culbun, junior, slouches in his chair and studies the worksheets that were given to him that day. "I tried to review for upcoming tests in French 4 whenever I could," David said.



# Earning the Point

School responsibilities loom  
as students face  
homework, practices,  
club duties and  
grade  
pressures

Duty  
Bound

Desperately studying his Chemistry at 10 p.m., senior Tim Orcutt's mind scrambled with the things that he had to accomplish that night. He found himself pressured with keeping up grades, facing his parents about mounting homework and deciding which college to attend.

Students counted on extracurricular activities or sports to help them enter college with a possible scholarship. However, school extracurricular activities and homework ranked among the biggest of all of their responsibilities.

According to cheerleader Kaitlin Kovach, junior, parents could "either be a real nuisance or a help" when college became the main topic of discussion in students' households.

"I felt pressured a lot at school because my parents cared so much about me," Kaitlin Kovach, junior, said. "They only accepted the best I could do. If they saw that I wasn't accomplishing what I could or should have been doing, they made sure that I got right back on track immediately."

Not all students worked because their parents told them so, or because they were rewarded for their "good work," according to Colleen Summers, sophomore.

Students made it their responsibility to do their best academically.

"Some parents rewarded their children when

they got good grades," Colleen said. "My mom gave me incentives when I got good grades. She took me to dinner, or got me a new CD. I didn't think it was wrong because parents gave their kids rewards for other activities and grades were something that students earned."

Students who led a club as an officer or a student director, found themselves not only responsible for themselves, but for the other members also.

"I was the student director of the fall play," Jodi Rosenthal, junior, said. "It was hard work, but it was a lot of fun. It got kind of tough, but I could always count on the cast and crew to give me a boost of confidence. I needed it a lot."

As Tim places his homework safely into a folder and puts his book back into his backpack, he lets out a sigh of relief, extremely proud of himself because he finished his homework assignment ahead of the due date, knowing that he will not have to even look at another book for the remainder of the night.

"My mom gave me incentives when I got good grades. She took me to dinner, or got me a new CD," Colleen Summers, sophomore

## Friendly Hint

During contact time, juniors Lisa Basil and Sara Wojcik review the notes and other material from the day in Mrs. Renee Kouris's English 11 class. Students made it their responsibility to aid their friends and classmates with their homework when needed.

## Additional Aid

To improve his skills in Chemistry in the Community, Joe Rogan, sophomore, reviews the day's lesson with Mr. Don Ullman, chemistry teacher. "I encouraged students to come in during contact time to get help," Mr. Ullman said.





# Linked Loyalty

From sharing laughs to giving advice, friends provide needed escape

Quickly typing messages to his friends online, Sean Greenya, junior, uses his time to chat about weekend activities or problems. Another box pops onto the screen, giving Sean yet another conversation to worry about.

"Even with the hassles of many people talking to me, I still found the time to chat with the people that I really wanted to," Sean said.

Friends acted as mentors by giving others advice with their dilemmas; either school-related or personal. Having a good friend gave students someone who would listen to their problems.

"You needed good friends to get through the things that you thought were 'life threatening' while you were a teenager," Jasmina Mijailovic, senior, said. "You needed someone there to trust closer to your own age, because they could understand you better and your situation."

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In school, friends always found time to gossip about the day's events or plan weekend activities. Students also met new friends and spent time with their old ones by playing on the same sports team or participating in the same club.

## Light Discussion

Wide eyed, Natalie Shapiro, junior, discusses the day's occurrences with Nancy Chen, junior, after school in the cafeteria. Lunch proved an opportune time to joke around and relax between classes.

"My friends and I were basically together all the time, and as much as we could during school," Christina DiCostanzo, sophomore, said. "Most of my friends were involved in sports, like me, so we were always at practice together. When we had free time, we were out doing something together."

Sports brought people together by watching professional events at friends' houses or participating in the sport themselves.

"I played soccer and basketball with my friends to keep me in shape and out of trouble," Marc Strick, freshman, said. "My friends were important to me because they were the people I was around the most. Just being with them made me happy."

Special occasions prompted friends to bring birthday balloons, decorate lockers, and go out for a celebration. These get togethers gave students a chance to open up and have fun.

"Since about four of my closest friends and I had birthdays really close to each other, we usually went to one of our houses for dinner one night in the middle to celebrate everybody's birthday together," Christina said.

Without friends, students could not express their feelings freely to people who could help them deal with their hardships. Most students opened up, however, and gained lifelong friends.

## Talking In Circles

Taking advantage of the eight minute passing period, a group of sophomores gather in a hallway. "During school, I didn't have much free time to talk to my friends," George Colakovic, sophomore, said. "We took any chance we could to talk about things that happened that day and to make after school plans."





### Staying Together

All smiles with balloons in hand on her birthday, Katie Sliwa, junior, walks arm in arm with friend Amanda Gore, junior. "It was a responsibility to acknowledge friends birthdays," Amanda said. "Giving balloons was one way of showing them that you cared."



### Friendly Clean-up

In the midst of papers, bags and trash, freshmen Jenn Zivich, Renee Albrecht-Mallinger, and Elizabeth Herrin clean Renee's locker. "Jenn and I helped out Renee when she needed to clean her locker because we found that it was a fun responsibility to help her and it was a time for us to talk and discuss what happened that day," Elizabeth said.

### Waiting Game

While relaxing on the bleachers, Ron Barkowski, senior, and Dan Anderson, junior, watch a Biddyball game before they take the court. Students participated on Sunday mornings to keep in shape and compete against their friends.



### News Flash

To escape the crowded halls for a quiet place to converse, seniors Kari Dumakowski, Jessica Lotak and Carrie Balzer huddle in the washroom. "It was hard not having any classes with my friends," Carrie said. "We often had to meet in the bathroom, because it was the only time that all of us were together."

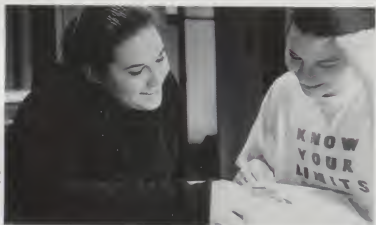


### Heavy Weight

With all his might, Mike Johnson, junior, works out on the rowing machine at Gators. "I worked out because I knew that if I didn't get in shape it would have been a lot harder to get and stay in shape when I got older," Mike said.

### Fill It Up

After school Brian Treasure, senior, fills his car up with gas at the Shell station on Broadmoor and Calumet. "Having a car was a responsibility because everytime you got behind the wheel, you put yourself in a situation where your life could be endangered," Brian said.

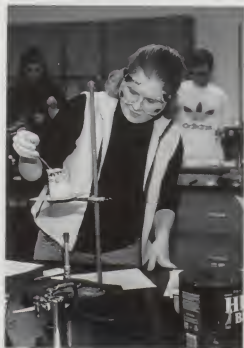


### Study Buddy

Helping her freshman sister, Dawn, with her English homework, Mary Broelmann, junior, scans the page to see if she remembers the material. "I felt that it was my responsibility to help Dawn," Mary said.

### Surprising Solution

Eyes focused on the glass beaker before her, Lindsay Baranowski, sophomore, stirs a mixture over the Bunsen burner. The pressure to do well in school often resulted as a responsibility to oneself.



# Hard Pressed

Responsibilities to yourself include everything from working out to playing sports to helping friends and family

Duty Bound

"A boy walks to the store to buy some apples. The apples cost five cents each. If he has to buy one apple each for five people, how much will it cost?" Spending time with her 9-year-old brother, Amanda Aguilera, senior, helped him with his math homework before she tackled her own work.

"I thought I had a responsibility to help my younger brothers and sister grow up right," Amanda said. "I wanted to help them as much as I could through life and always be there for them."

After helping siblings, students crammed in time late at night for their studies. When they didn't finish the night before, teens woke up as early as 5:30 a.m. to finish any lingering assignments.

"I made sure I got to bed before midnight every weekday," J.P. Hus, sophomore, said. "I also tried to plan something to do every night besides homework like bowling or jazz band."

Teens discovered the importance of taking care of themselves. By working hard and paying close attention to everything they did, they focused to keep their lives under control.

"If I stayed out of trouble and tried my hardest at everything I did, then I would get good grades," Brian Treasure, senior, said.

Other students watched out for themselves by working out or just taking it easy.

"My biggest responsibility was to take care of

myself because I ended up in the hospital a lot," Leah Flick, junior, said. "Because of my asthma, a cold could turn into respiratory problems. I just had to pay attention to what was going on in my life, how much stress I was under, how tight my schedule was and what I could do for myself."

To aid in relieving stress, keeping in shape, or just to have fun, teens lifted weights, ran or did step aerobics. They found that exercising with friends made working out more fun.

"For me, it was great to stay in shape and gain muscle mass for the sport that I loved to do," Ryan Beemer, senior, said. "I had to work on my chest, arms, and legs and the whole workout cycle which helped my body to get stronger than it was."

After putting her brother to bed, Amanda unpacked her bookbag and started her own homework. Whether helping others, receiving help from others or just taking time to relax whenever and wherever they could, students discovered handfuls of responsibilities.

"I thought I had a responsibility to help my younger brothers and sister grow up right. I wanted to help them as much as I could through life and always be there for them," Amanda Aguilera, senior



## Mirror Mirror

To keep up her appearance, Christie O'Brien, junior, peers in the mirror. "To match the season I had to purchase the color makeup that fit me, that way I wouldn't be paying a fortune for it," Christie said.

## Perfect Mold

In ceramics class, Christie Griffin, senior, molds a slab vase. "I tried my best to focus on whatever I was doing because I felt like I owed it to myself to do well," Christie said.



*From one minute to the next, emotions change from panicking over Friday's three tests to celebrating an "A" on yesterday's comp, making each school day a roller coaster ride*

6:43 a.m. | Life Before School

# Fighting through the yawns

**Rushing** to avoid a costly tardy, Adam Cohen, senior, sprints through the North parking lot to the room of Mr. John Edington, science department chair, for his zero hour Environmental Science (Project Bio) class.

Offered only in the 6:43 a.m. time slot, Orchestra, Project Bio, and Intro to Drafting provided students with an additional class to earn extra credits. Although students groggily reached over to turn off their alarm clock an hour earlier, they reluctantly dragged themselves out of bed and headed to the shower.

"It was tough waking up for the first two weeks," Adam said. "I kept on wanting to hit the snooze button and go back to bed, but it really wasn't bad waking up after that."

However, the choice of going to bed early and sleep or stay up late doing homework often came up.

"It was kind of like a rush in the morning, because I had to stay up late trying to finish my homework and study for tests," Tedi Vlahu, sophomore, said. "One problem was that I lost an hour of sleep that most students had."

Not getting the right amount of sleep

**Trip to Florida, percussion perfection entice students to set early alarm**



## Minds Together

Quickly running through their notes a final time, seniors Lauren Pestikas and Sean Adley take in as much as they can. Students used an hour or five minutes before the 7:45 a.m. bell to get help from teachers, work on unfinished assignments or socialize.

affected students who had to wake up early to attend the extra class.

"I was usually asleep by fourth hour," Adam said. "I was not as prepared for my classes as I was in previous years because of lack of my sleep and my laziness caused by waking up early for zero hour."

The lack of sleep did not always deter students from their studies.

"I woke up at 6:20 at the latest," Tedi said. "It really didn't affect me that much. Once I was up, I was up. In orchestra, I had to play an instrument all hour so I had to be conscious of that, which woke me up."

Along with the hassles of rolling out of bed an hour early, came the benefits that often made up for the loss of valuable sleep.

"Going to Florida over Spring Break for Project Bio was definitely a benefit,"

Erin DeVries, senior, said. "Plus, it was a place to do my homework that didn't get done at home if we had time."

While students cringed at the sound of an alligator finding dinner in a movie in Project Bio, at the other side of the building, students polished up their percussion skills in Orchestra fighting through their lack of sleep.





### Sleepy Head

Before she begins playing her cello in Orchestra during zero hour, Stephanie Zeck, sophomore, sleepily awaits to start her next piece with a yawn. Attending zero hour classes not only added a credit to students' transcripts, but it also took away an hour of valuable sleep.

### Early Attention

As Mr. Don Ullman, chemistry teacher, explains a mole problem on the board, Megan Maruszczak, sophomore, listens attentively before school. "Sometimes students didn't understand a concept that was being explained in class or it just went too fast for them," Mr. Ullman said.



### Halfway Homework

After her 5 a.m. swim practice, Erica Rangel, sophomore, finishes up her homework that she didn't get to the night before. Along with other students, swimmers had to work around their practices before and after school to fit in their homework.

### Back Flip

Flipping through her binder, Paige Wagner, sophomore, attempts to find her homework in the Commons while her friend Kara Williams, sophomore, has a conversation. The Commons attracted students as a gathering place before school and also throughout the entire day.

# Beating<sup>the</sup> clock

**Familiar** scene: the bell won't ring for another five minutes, but over half the class is seated, studying quietly. Although it may sound like an episode of the *Twilight Zone*, before important tests, students found last minute cramming more worth-while than chatting with friends for a few moments.

"If I had any time left before I took the test, I went over whatever was highlighted in the book, like the key points and vocab words," Greg Pottorff, freshman, said.

Other students studied the night before the test and used the few precious minutes before the test to go over anything they found trouble mastering.

"I studied the stuff that I didn't know the most, then the most important things and the review questions," Michelle Peiguss, sophomore, said.

Students commonly considered test taking more difficult than the studying itself. The 54-minute class period could put pressure

**Rushing to learn bits of information, students try to avoid pre-test stress**



## Frantic Finish

Slowly turning over the last question in his mind, Pat Scully, freshman, hurries to hand in his test to Mr. John Edington, biology teacher. Unfortunately for the longer test takers like Pat, they had to pace themselves to avoid a tardy in his next class.

on students to finish longer tests before the bell rang.

"I did everything I knew on the test first," John Vroom, junior, said. "Then I went through and did all the bigger questions I didn't know. I finished with all the smaller stuff."

Unconventional classes like Foods and Fitness or Orchestra took tests that concentrated more on students' familiarity with the subject rather than their test-taking ability. Orchestra took sight-reading tests, where the students received lines of music only a few minutes before they had to play it.

"You couldn't really prepare for sight reading," Natalie Bieda, senior, said. "It was something you get better at as you do it more. You couldn't really sit at home and prepare."

As the bell made a slightly rushed class to jump with surprise, students wearily handed in their tests, while hoping they picked up enough information in just a few minutes to get a good grade.

## Creative Concentration

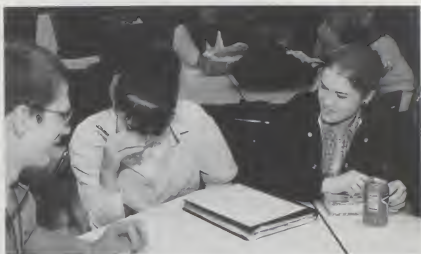
Seated on the floor in English teacher Mr. David Russell's Creative Writing class, Bill Gray, senior, writes in his journal. Students received a 10-minute time limit at the beginning of class to write about a given prompt.



## Cranial Cram

In U.S. History class, Sheila Rane, senior, studies for her upcoming test. "I used to get to class for last minute cramming because it provided for a good review," Sheila said.





### Work Bench

With a little time before the bell rings, sophomores Angie Meyers and Lauren Morelli finish up their work with Jamie Rosko, junior. The Commons provided students with time to socialize or even squeeze in a bit of homework before class.

### Out to Lunch

Taking a break from completing their homework, juniors F-d Deveney, Suzanne Leverenz and Jill Kooy share a laugh at lunch. When students couldn't find time to finish their work at night, they sacrificed their lunch to complete any left over homework.



### Puzzling History

In an effort to complete their crossword, juniors Demetra Marinos and Sarah Grauvogl work to beat the bell in U.S. History with Mr. Ross Haller. Teachers often allowed students to work with partners to finish homework at the end of class.

### Put to the

Rushing to finish, Sheri Meyers, senior, takes a U.S. Government test outside of government teacher Mr. Doug Fix's room. When students missed a test day, teachers sometimes would allow them to make it up during class the following day.





### Graphic Problems

During her Computer Graphics Application class, Amy Adoba, senior, watches in fear as her project disappears from the screen. "It was horrible because I deleted my whole project and I had to redo it," Amy said. "I was afraid that I wasn't going to finish my project in time."

### Panic Stricken

Nervous as Miss Jennifer Luksich, Spanish teacher, watches, Nemanja Djorovic, sophomore, presents a collage about himself on posterboard to his fourth hour Spanish 2 class. "I got a little nervous before I had to give a speech, but once I started I felt fine," Nemanja said.



### Weightlifting Worries

As he lifts the power cleans bar, Brian Szymanski, freshman, works out during gym class. Students often feared the mandatory six-week unit in the weight room that forced them to endure heavy exercise.



### Cooking Cautiously

Carefully measuring the correct amount of spices, Kari Dumakowski, senior, and Marie Sherwood, sophomore, perfect their chili during Foods class. Students' culinary skills showed during their cooking labs throughout the semester.

### Photographic Phobia

Brushing up on his skills, Tom Hayes, senior, loads a camera during his first hour class with Mrs. Nancy Hastings, photography and journalism teacher. Instead of dreading tests, students also feared projects and hands-on assignments in class.

# Hard<sup>to</sup> handle

**Standing** in front of the room ready to begin her assignment, Sarah Golembo, freshman, could not remember the French conversation she memorized with her partner. Instead, one of Sarah's worst fear came true: she forgot her part.

Even though she joined the Debate Team, Sarah's fear of standing in front of a big group giving a speech remained prevalent during her oral presentations in classes such as Mrs. Susan Durkin's, foreign language teacher, class.

"I was afraid that I was going to stand up there and say the wrong thing," Sarah said.

Students, frightened by the thought of speaking in front of a large group, also found fears in other things.

Adam Wesolowski, sophomore, received his test during his French 3 class but couldn't fill in the words. After a week of classwork, Adam took the vocabulary test, and halfway down the list, one of his biggest fears of test taking instantly came to life.

"I was afraid that I wasn't sure what

**Crashing computers and incisions help students overcome their fears**



## Disgusting Dissection

Trying to identify the parts of their fetal pig, juniors Katie Sliwa and Carolyn Marinier, examine its parts. "The dissection of the pig was definitely the most disgusting of the zoology labs we did in the class," Carolyn said.

was truly important. I wasn't positive that I studied the correct words," Adam said. "Seeing random words on the test gave me the feeling that I wasn't fully prepared. After that, anything she brought up I considered important."

Keeping up to date with their standings allowed students to prepare in order to receive the grade they wanted to achieve.

"My biggest fear was not being in the top five percent of my class," Kelly Lorenz, senior, said. "I needed to be there to get a scholarship and my class was really competitive in some ways."

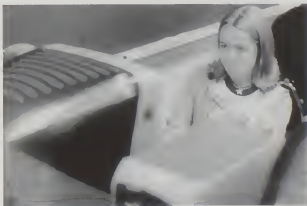
Competition led other seniors to worry about their future education.

"I was afraid of not getting into college," Nick DeBoer, senior, said. "My grades were good, but there was always that feeling of not measuring up."

Students worried about their college choices while others wondered if they would meet their own expectations. The day progressed and students worried about their tests and grades. Sarah hoped she would not let their French partners down in the group assignment.

## Summer Study

Focused on the computer, Sarah Moseley, freshman, completes her summer reading test in the computer lab. Since the tests accounted for one-fourth of a student's English grade, they feared a bad grade would bring down their averages.



# Raised <sup>to the next</sup> power

With a hesitant step as she approached her new class, Erin DeVries, senior, walks into Honors Cell Biology, a course only offered with the prerequisites of biology and chemistry for students willing to sign up.

Several of these classes throughout the school required students to pass previous courses in order to enroll in these, although often times students opted for the extra quantity point rewarded instead of gaining from the extra learning and work.

"I took science classes that were honors because I wanted to learn and they pertained to what I wanted to do later in life," Erin said. "I took honors and AP classes that weren't science classes because I wanted the extra credit to boost my GPA and help my rank."

Since the classes offered on these levels required students to pass several credits before taking the course, it altered the methods of teaching.

"The students who signed up for Honors Microbiology were primarily the ones who took other honors classes, and they had to take biology and chemistry first," Mr. Dave Franklin, biology teacher,

Students magnify their choices over classes with options of additional learning and extra quantity point



## Psyched Out

In front of his locker, Asim Sheriff, junior, talks with David Hansen, sophomore, about AP Psychology. This course, offered to students as a full year class, drew several students away from the regular, semester-long class.

said. "The class was also different because the students who signed up had some experience, completely different from the freshmen I taught."

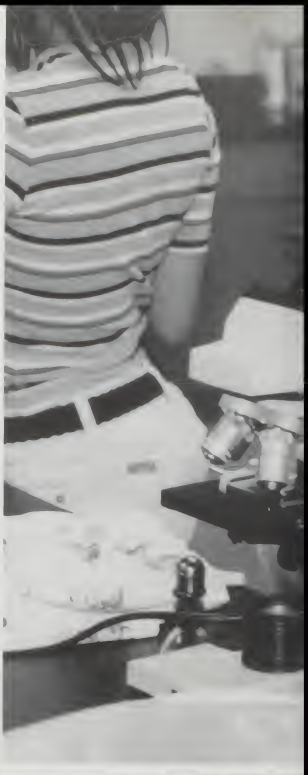
However, a majority of classes offered levels on both the honors or AP level or its regular counterpart.

One of these courses, AP Composition, taught by Mrs. Mary Yorke, English teacher, varied methods of teaching to their classes. The students in the AP class worked on a theme as a class to determine the reasons why students took honors courses.

"We conducted a survey of kids in honors classes to determine how many wanted the quantity point instead of the additional learning experience," Erin said. "We found that it varied because many were in the advanced courses for what they liked, and others for the extra point."

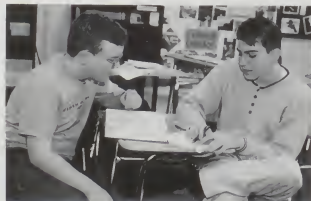
As she closes the new book she just received, Erin

walks out of Honors Cell Biology, her backpack just a little heavier and her knowledge of the course a little bit greater, happy that she had signed up for a course that would have a definite impact on her later in life.



## Vexing Vocabulary

In Mrs. Renée Kouris' Honors English 11 class, juniors Andy Kennedy and Zoran Balac work on vocabulary together. "Most of my friends were in there, and I wanted the more challenging courses because it pushed me more and made me work harder," Andy said.





### Scoped Out

Carefully placing a slide under her microscope, Shareen Hossain, senior, prepares to see bacteria magnified by 400 times in Honors Microbiology. "I was thinking about going into microbiology, so I wanted to see what it was like in high school before I decided to major in it," Shareen said.

### Hand in Hand

Trying not to fall down, juniors Kyle Matucha and Julia Bochnowski walk in between juniors Deb Sundt and Tiffany Sanders during a dance in Honors French 4. The students played games to learn the culture of France in addition to the language.



### Plain English

Standing over Mrs. Linda Lemmon, English teacher, freshmen Laura Somenzi and Allison Cray get help in their Honors English 9 class. "There were a lot more tests, and more was expected from you in an honors course," Allison said.



### Chem Mayhem

With a question for science teacher Mr. Jeff Graves, seniors Nina Bili-moria, Eun Cho, and Adriann Bishop wait for an answer. "I knew that I was going to pharmacy school, and it was better for me to see what college classes were like," Eun said.

### Flying High

In front of the Mr. Hal Coppage's AP U.S. History class, Nicole Pellegrino, junior, stands near Mr. Hinkel, who spoke to the students about his days in the Air Force during World War II. Speakers often came to enlighten students over various subjects.



### Flipping Through

As she breezes through a magazine, Jacky Doescher, sophomore, sits on her desk while taking a break from her studies. Students brought outside reading materials from home to read for pleasure when time allowed.



### Snack Time

Licking her fingers after finishing a muffin, Erin Kolb, sophomore along with sophomores Becky Gribble, Jami Clause and Jeni Shuke, joke around in the Commons. Due to long lines in the cafeteria, some students chose a quick snack to eat in the Commons.



### Playing Along

Instead of eating lunch, Andrew Zusman, junior, entertains some friends outside of the Food Court with his guitar. On occasion, students brought their instruments to school to show off their talents.



### Fast Food

With their growing stomachs and watering mouths, seniors Steve Kibler and Josh Sudbury select the meal of their choice. The cafeteria served on average 775 meals per day.

### Clear Sound

As Joel Moosmiller, sophomore, waits his turn, Ben Rinderer, freshman, chooses a song for Ilya Stetsovsky, sophomore. Students used extra time in the halls for personal use like socializing or homework.

# Breaking down the day

As the sound of zippers filling the room signal the end of the class, Katie Gikas, junior, collects her belongings and heads out into the hall. She spots her friend around the corner and ramps over to tell her the latest gossip.

Breaks in the day, such as passing periods, allowed for time that students often took advantage of in various ways. While trying to get from North to South or even staying at one end, students planned and divided their time up.

"I split my passing period up into many things," Mark Susoreny, sophomore, said. "Talking to friends, using the bathroom, finishing homework, and, of course, getting to the next class were some of them."

Cramming for tests at lunch or finishing neglected homework during Advisory, students also took advantage of the breaks the school provided. Activities after school limited the time they had for homework. They used school time to cut down the workload.

"With my busy schedule and activities after school, sometimes homework got

With 90 minutes for breaks everyday, students utilize time differently



## Tight Fit

Squashed inside of her tiny locker, Coleen Adley, freshman, struggles to squeeze out of it as Sarah Moseley, freshman, looks on with laughter. "We were cleaning out my locker and we were bored, so I climbed inside to see if it could fit," Coleen said.

either relax or complete homework.

Pulling out her vocabulary flashcards to quickly study with her friend, in the eight-minute time slot, Katie attempts to walk, look over 50 cards, and talk to her friends while still trying to arrive in class without any tardies.

## All Locked Up

From crumpled pictures to neglected food, students discover unexpected items lurking deep in their lockers

- Pictures of friends
- Food
- Instruments
- Jackets
- Clothes
- Quotes
- Tupperware
- Magazines
- Forgotten Lunches
- Pop
- Pictures of Movie Stars

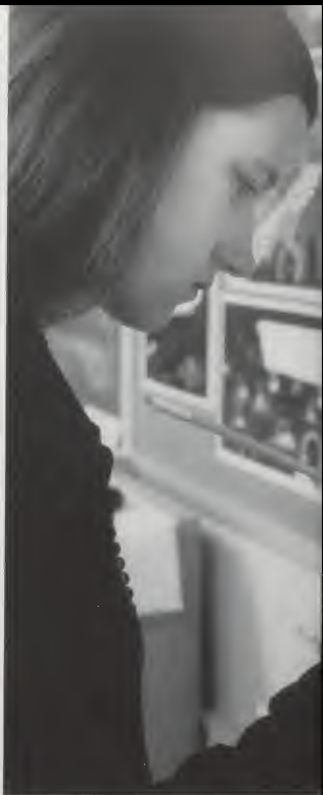
### One-on-One

As Shane Hendron, freshman, dribbles down court, Greg Pottorff, freshman, plays defense. Although a required class, Physical Education provided a break in the everyday class schedule for freshmen.



### Picture Perfect

Carefully making each stroke, Andrea Williams, junior, applies paint to her artwork. She won Best of Show at the First Annual "Show Your True Colors" Spring Art Show April 5.



### Very Cherry

As they crumbled the final ingredients into their cherry cobbler, sophomores Sarah Baker, Alice Lanman and Katie Thompson, fill the dish with buttery crust. Classes like Foods I, allowed for students to learn culinary arts and to participate in hands-on labs everyday.

### Stretched Out

As they warm up for their workout, Mrs. Linda Scheffer's Foods and Fitness class stretch their muscles. Every other day that class cooked healthy food or worked out to better their fitness.



### Surprising Actions

Astonished by the holiday present her classes bought for her, Ms. Nancy Calderone, American Sign

Language teacher, unwraps a new television. Jami Clause, sophomore, watches Lauren Pestikas, senior, share in the excitement.



# Brushing<sup>up</sup> the interest

**Walking** into class with a great sigh, Sachin Doshi, junior, sits down in preparation for a Pre-Calculus class.

A typical day at school included sitting in a desk and listening to a lecture that the teacher prepared the day before. Some teachers, however, conducted their class differently. Mrs. Linda Scheffer, consumer sciences instructor, for example, taught foods and fitness, a class where students learned how to eat healthy, cook different foods, and exercise to better their health.

"I actually got to move around and do something in," Natalie Bieda, senior, said. "I wasn't stuck in my desk for another hour of the day in Foods and Fitness class."

Classes didn't always stick to typical subjects and settings. Outdoor Education ventured outside the normal class lines of

**Electives provide break from school routine**

**Make a Pass**  
Teachers personalize hall passes with objects that express their character

Mr. Hal Coppage—  
a tree-stump hammer  
Mrs. Rosemary Cook—  
sparkly apple  
Mr. John Edington—  
brain  
Coach Leroy Marsh—  
football helmet  
Ms. Nancy Calderone—  
ceramic hand  
Mrs. Renee Kouris—  
squishy brain  
Mrs. Therese Dristas—  
plastic spider  
Mr. Steve  
Lopez—  
McDonald's  
toy



Ana Lukin,  
junior

me areas of interest like fishing and hunting," Brian Hmurovich, sophomore, said. "Plus, that class wasn't set in the typical school atmosphere, so it made the subject easier."

These classes added different options to the day. However, students didn't even have to stay at one school to learn. Some students traveled to the Area Career Center to take vocational classes.

"Career Center allowed for me to learn the trade of cosmetology while at school, earning credits," Angie Adams, junior, said. "When I leave high school and choose a career, the many things I learned in my class, plus my hands-on experience, will help my decision to be made slightly easier."

Because of the additions of new classes to schedules, students no longer had to take normal, structured classes. New

books and lectures by focusing on outdoor activities.

"This class taught

alternatives provided more choices to make the scheduling easier to make for students when the time came.

As the bell rang to signal the end of class, Sachin got up to go to Ceramics, where he will make a masterpiece although not restrained to a book.

## Exacting Measures

Precisely sealing his slab put in new course, Basic Ceramics, Tom Lee, sophomore, concentrates on his project. Classes such as that one allowed students to express their artistic side as well as academic strengths.

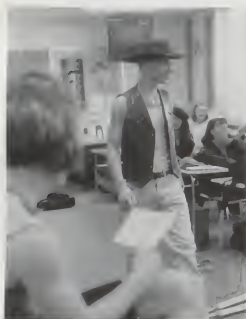


### Careful Details

As she dries Mr. Jim Davidson's, technology teacher, baby after giving it a bath in Child Development, Megan Kikalo, senior, learns about the proper care for infants. "You got to experience the difficulties of working with actual babies instead of reading about them," Megan said.

### Runway Model

Complete with hat and vest for his Spanish 2 class, Josh Bradish, sophomore, models in his class fashion show. "It was more interesting than listening to a lecture (about clothing names)," Josh said. "It helped me remember the words."



### Thumbs Up

With the pressure of her carving tools, Rachel Sepiol, sophomore, transforms a piece of soapstone into a thumb while enjoying the outdoor air. "It was a good way to end the day by going outside to take my mind off academic courses," Rachel said.

### Patiently Waiting

In Miss Jennifer Luksch's Spanish 2 class, Lindsey Serna, sophomore, serves her drink as a part of her project on Puerto Rico. The class had to research a spanish speaking country and prepare its food.



# Soaking <sup>up new</sup> ideas

**Pulling** up a chair, Shardul Shah, junior, takes a seat in his sixth hour Honors English class. Instead of another lecture or test, Shardul prepared for an interesting class.

His peers, dressed in costumes, presented Shardul and the other members of the jury with enough information to vote for one of the characters on trial. While studying *The Scarlet Letter*, teachers required a trial for the class.

"It allowed us to act rather than just reading about them," Shardul said. Since each person's role differed, everyone specialized in one area.

"I was a jury member so I didn't get as involved (as those on trial), but I learned about the court system of

## Adding Texture

To create a ceramic project with different textures in Basic Ceramics, Mr. John Zilewicz, art teacher, and Shannon Zenos, freshman, use combs and tools. The class allowed students to experiment with clay and make projects during the year.

**Creative projects give students new ways to look at old information**



**Falling Over**

Instead of the usual lecture, Andy Ferrer, senior, and Marisa Anzur, junior, act out a psychodrama involving moral questions during their Psychology class. "The entire class was full of projects and it made the class more fun," Andy said.

also specialized in vocabulary during the Chapter 5 project. The class divided into groups and each group received paper.

"Los ojos," Miss Luk-sich said, and each group drew a pair of eyes on their creation. They then passed the paper on to someone else. When the project ended, "un monstrito" like Frankenstein resulted.

"I thought it was fun," Laura Sonnenzi, freshman, said. "It helped us learn about body parts in a creative way. I think I remembered the vocab more because it was in the form of a project."

In a similar setting, Carolyn Marinier, junior, reached for a crayon during her French 4 class. As a break from the normal schedule, Madame Mart-Webb's, French teacher, class colored various French words.

"We had to write down the months, days of the week, numbers and alphabet, and we had to assign them each a different color according to how we saw them," Carolyn said. "It made you think in a way you didn't think."

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### Free Write

Often writing in her journal during her fifth hour creative writing class, Sarah Susoreny, senior, enjoys a break. "I liked it because it allowed more freedom than a structured class assignment," Sarah said.



### Just Tasting

Looking at the sandwiches the Journalism I class brought in, sophomores Ed Briganti and Lindsay Baranowski learn about different ways to criticize. The project gave students new ways to view situation.

### Deep Breath

In preparation for their trip to the Florida Keys, seniors Christine Thacra and Ellen Bielawski jump into the pool with their snorkel gear ready. Before the trip, over Spring Break, members of the Project Bio class swam in the pool Sunday nights.



### Helpful Pointers

To assist students in their stock market game, Mr. Scott McAlister, Economics teacher, helps seniors Liz Carton, Kathy Mueller, Therese Dristas, and Kathy Manousopoulos. The game gave students a chance to learn about real life stock issues.

### Peeking Out

With their coats zipped up to avoid the cold Chicago air, juniors Diana Santay and Ashley Navarro ride down the Chicago River during their Drawing and Painting field trip. "I liked going to Chicago because it was a different experience," Ashley said.





## Soaking<sup>up</sup><sub>new</sub> ideas

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Learning how to think differently brought various classes to new settings and areas.

"In Creative Writing (with Mr. David Russell, English teacher) we had to sit in the commons and write about how people walked or how they talked or what they said," Carrie Paradzinski, senior, said. "It taught us how to pay attention to detail. You can learn the smallest things. It helped us when writing about characters."

The hour-long break from a monotonous schedule gave students a new perspective on their writing styles. Many times, the only thing needed to help students learn took innovative thinking and different, exciting assignments.

"In Frau (Eileen) Meier's German 3 class, we got a list of love expressions so we all got to decorate valentines for each other," Jenny Fell, sophomore, said. "It helped us learn about new vocab."

In classes such as Ms. Nancy Calderone's American Sign Language, projects occurred several times each week. The class, structured differently than most, gave students opportunities to show their creative sides.

"In Sign Language, we had to sign our favorite commercial," Brooke Berry, sophomore, said. "I signed the Eagleman commercial. We had to learn new words in order to convey the message (from



### Double Trouble

to carry her two four babies for the Child Development project, Maripatrice O'Connell, junior, uses a stroller. "It was fun, but it was a pain sometimes, especially with twins," Maripatrice said. "I learned that it was hard to take care of babies, and mine weren't real."

TV), but it was fun to act silly and mimic the real characters during class."

The commercials, video taped as they finished, aired for the class so everyone could learn the new signs. Learning in an environment without speaking gave students many projects.

"We had to take 20 pictures of different geometrical shapes for Mr. (Bob) Shinkan's, (mathematics teacher), geometry class," Joe Gogolak, freshman, said, about the annual project.

Joe's project, a poster with 20 everyday objects, such as a trapezoid in the middle of a bicycle, proved

points about the importance of math.

"It helped us see how geometry related to the everyday world," Joe said.

Teachers realized that students could not listen to lectures day after day and take notes each week. Sometimes, teachers rewarded students for their effort with various games.

"In (Ms. Therese) Dristas' (English teacher), World Lit class, we had to make Secret Santa bags," Terry Specyal, senior, said. "Then we drew names and bought gifts everyday for two weeks."

In almost every class, unconventional projects gave students breaks in their daily routines. Shardul, listening to the trial unfold before him, believed the project helped him learn in a different and enjoyable way.



# Laid<sup>back</sup> learning

**Laughter** and excited voices filled the hallway outside of Mr. Ross Haller's U.S. History class, as students inside frantically screamed answers to their version of *Jeopardy*. All this excitement served as a new way to get students interested in studying, by packing class time with information, presented in a whole different way.

Many teachers turned away from worksheets and review notes, and played different kinds of games in their classes in order for them to learn new material, review for a test, or just to make things more interesting for everyone.

"Playing games with my classes was a fun way to get students involved in the review, and it was a lot more fun than just doing worksheets," Miss Kristine Moore, math teacher, said.

Miss Moore played games such as Math Bingo with her Algebra 2 and Pre-Algebra classes before tests, to make sure that everyone knew the required material. Any student calling out "Bingo!" won extra credit points.

Bingo came on to the scene as an

***Jeopardy* and *Risk* give students break from lectures and notes**



## Culture Club

Taking a break from her normal classes, Noreen Castor, senior, smiles as she takes part in Multiculturalism Day. This day gave students a chance to escape the from their classes and interact in a new way.

effective review that teachers made different variations on.

"In Mr. (Dave) Franklin's biology class, we played BioBingo, and if we won, we could get some extra credit," Tom Mourikas, junior, said.

Not all students who won games in their classes received extra credit, though. Teachers also handed out candy, pens, bookmarks, and other items to those lucky enough to win.

"While studying *Dante's Inferno* in World Literature, we played a game in class to help us review the book after we had finished reading it, and I won a gargoyle from playing a game," Michelle Stenger, senior, said. "The game was fun, and it helped me understand the material for the test."

Playing games in classrooms opened new doors for interaction between teachers and their students and gave students a whole new light in which to view their teachers and a way to learn old subjects in a fun manner.

## Mythology Matching

To learn the path Odysseus took in *The Odyssey*, seniors Mike Piorkowski, Meaghen Lober, and Jenny Lounsberry play a matching game to review before their test in World Literature. "I thought the game seemed goofy at the time, but it really helped me out on the test," Meaghen said.

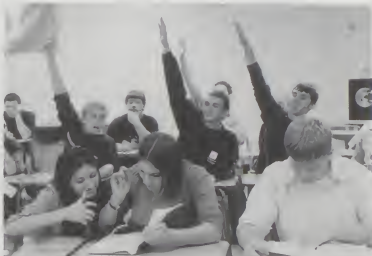




### Sleepily Signing

On the ground in American Sign Language, sophomores Lindsey Serna and Jenny Fell relax while

playing a signing game. Games in Miss Nancy Calderone's class helped students learn new signs and review and perfect their old ones.



### Three of a Kind

Raising their hands in unison, Jordan Chezzi, sophomore and juniors Ryan McMahan and Dan Anderson play *Jeopardy* in Mr. Mike Wells' Earth Science Class. Different forms of *Jeopardy* sprouted in classes of all sorts throughout the school.

### Risky Business

Conquering foreign lands Andy Given, freshman, sophomores Afton Kurth and Liz Olley, and freshmen Jason Jozwiak and Janet Pleitner compete in a game of *Risk* in Mr. Steve Lopez's Modern World History class. The game taught students about wars and world domination.



### Vast Vocabulary

Approaching the board in German class, Julia Weib, junior, writes vocabulary words to beat out her opponent. Games played by the whole class provided them with a fun review before tests.



# Help<sup>on</sup> the Internet

**Typing** frantically away to find the stock quotes of the day for her Economics project, Meg Madderom, senior, entered a chat room for some tips. Students turned to the computer for quick answers to their problems, which helped them discover a use for the Internet other than chatting with friends. They also tried more than a handful of new and old methods to help prepare for class.

"When we were working on the stock market game in Economics, I went in a stock-brokers' chat room to ask what stocks were good," Meg said. "The internet helped our group get a good grade."

Others merely needed to find a spot to settle down for a few hours and concentrate. Everything from a chair to the bedroom served as a habitat for focusing on their responsibilities.

"My favorite spot to study was in a chair in my basement in front of the TV," Scott Boudi, junior, said. "If I was reading it had to be quiet, but if I was doing homework I couldn't do it in silence because I would get bored, so I had to have the TV or music on."

**Writing songs and quizzing siblings, students move beyond normal study habits**



## Right Direction

To review the material, juniors David Young and Michelle Sopher crack open their physics books. "My friends all brought another aspect to the material that we were studying," David said.

To keep up their grades, students tried methods such as quizzing each other, flashcards or simply turning on the radio to learn their lessons. Students found that in order to remember things better, they needed help.

"I had a recording of a bunch of geometry songs," Gabe Culberg, freshman, said. "I called them 'Geo Sing-a-long.' One of them was called 'Let's Talk About Triangles.' I made them at the beginning of the year and they helped me out because I wasn't that great in geometry. When I studied I would listen to them. Sometimes I made songs up for English vocabulary."

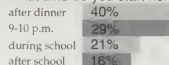
Beyond the typical book work and reading over chapters, students created tricks for themselves to aid in memorizing materials, such as placing rules and information to a tune.

After jotting down some notes from conversations online, Meg shut off her computer and worked on the rest of her homework. Whether on the computer, notes, in front of the TV or in complete silence, students searched for ways to get their work done and get good grades.

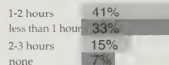


## Homework Habits

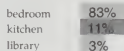
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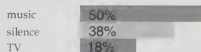
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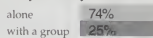
Where's your favorite place to study?



Do you study better with...?



Do you study better...?



290 students surveyed



### Chit Chat

To find stock quotes for her Economics project, Meg Madderum, senior, searches the Internet. "The stock chat rooms were really helpful for our project," Meg said. "I didn't know what stocks were good to buy and I was confused on the information I needed. Most of the people in the stock chats were really helpful and told me what I needed to know. My group bought one of the stocks that the people suggested we buy and it worked out really well."

### All Ears

With a book in his lap and headphones on, Mike McCullough, freshman, sits back to study English. "I listened to metal because it stimulated my brain and kept me from getting too bored while studying," Mike said.



### Card Check

Flashcards in hand, juniors Amber LaReau and Shajuddin Quadri review their vocabulary. Students used tricks from notecards to making up songs to aid them in memorizing and learning the material.



### Under Study

Under English teacher Mr. David Russell's desk, Mark Olley, senior, writes in his journal during fifth hour Creative Writing class. "It was interesting being under Mr. Russell's desk," Mark said. "A student never expects to be sitting at a teacher's desk, let alone under it."

### Quick Quiz

With a smile on her face, Michelle Coduti, junior, studies her Honors French 4 vocabulary by having her 10-year-old sister Nicoletta quiz her. "I had her start quizzing me in French because she started to show an interest in it," Michelle said.





### Drummer Boy

To practice before a halftime performance on the football field, Joe Flores, senior, does a drum roll in the hallway. In addition to Marching Band, Joe also doubled in Concert Band and in Jazz Band.



### Hanging Back

Along with their roadies from SWAT, seniors Erin DeVries and Terry Specyval wait backstage for the band on stage to finish at Battle of the Bands.



### In the Wings

With last minute preparation for ISSMA, Dr. Timothy Bartlett, music teacher, goes over the repertoire with the Women's Ensembles. After traveling to various towns previous years, Munster hosted ISSMA for the first time.



### Right on Cue

With careful precision on hitting the right notes, Melody Spasoff, freshman, plays the xylophone to the song "Zoot Suit Riot" along with the Marching Band at the Homecoming game. "I was a percussionist and whenever they needed someone to play the xylophone, I usually volunteered for it," Melody said.

### Different Tune

Exciting the crowd with his vocal talents, Pat Cailles, senior, whips out a song with his band, Penthouse Melodies in the commons at the Winter Homecoming Dance. Winter Homecoming marked the first public appearance of Penthouse Melodies.





### On the Move

Carefully striking a move during their dance routine at the Highland football game, the Dance Team performs for the crowd. "We spent a lot of time perfecting the dances, especially when we had a new routine for each game," Tiltany Brown, junior, said.

# At Close Range

Whether performing for Battle of the Bands, acting on stage in a play or musical, or playing in a concert, teens find themselves anxiously anticipating performance

**B**ehind the auditorium stage, Morgan Matthews, senior, paced back and forth, stopping only for a brief moment to wipe the sweat away from her palms and onto her long black skirt. Waiting for her featured cello solo in the orchestra concert, Morgan prepared for her performance with quick contemplation before she stepped onto the stage to play.

Keeping themselves prepared and secure proved essential to performers before a big act. Whether reading over lines backstage or warming up an instrument, students used different incentives to prepare for an upcoming act or performance.

"I didn't have any special way of relaxing before an orchestra concert," Morgan said. "If I was nervous, I took a deep breath and just let all my nerves go."

Just as anxiety and stage fright existed as common emotions in students' minds, other students approached their performances with pure

confidence and excitement on the upcoming event.

"I was well prepared when I went on stage," Roman Teller, junior, said. "If I worked hard and acted well then I would have no reason to worry."

Even though students coped with uneasiness before they performed, different habits and rituals helped keep students' minds off what lay ahead.

"Whenever I played, I would jam on my guitar for awhile first," Jon Friedman, junior, said. "That really helped me out because I got in the swing of things and by the time I performed I was already warmed up and ready to play with my band."

With all their hard work and effort completed, minor essentials helped students perform when it boiled down to the last minute before the show.

"Last minute tuning was common before the concert," Morgan said. "We all tried to tune before we went on stage because if your instrument wasn't in tune for the concert, you didn't want to be the only one that sounded bad."

With one final deep breath, Morgan grabbed her cello and bow and walked along with her other orchestra members onto the awaiting applause on stage to perform her solo.

### Setting Him Straight

Urging Cookie (Brandon Sweeney, junior) to finally admit his true love, Gloria (Nicole Pellegrino, junior) sings to him. The song "Tell Her" convinced Cookie to confess, but, his love, Miranda didn't feel the same.

### Waiting in Anticipation

About to crash into a mysterious planet, Navigational Officer (Laura Dunn, junior) and Tempest (Kevin Cane, junior) search for an answer. The scene made characters portray the effects of a storm.

### Free-Style

Wildly moving around the stage, Monster (Rob Branson, junior), crew member (Julie Sufana, sophomore), Ariel (Joey Manderino, freshman) and Navigational Officer (Laura Dunn, junior) dance to "Monster Mash" near the end of the musical. The play, complete with rock music, contained unique elements.



### Common Bond

In support of Ariel (Joey Manderino, freshman), Bosun (Mark Olley, senior), Cookie (Brandon Sweeney, junior) and Tempest (Kevin Cane, junior) dance to the song "Who's Sorry Now?" The song, an attempt at mocking Gloria (Nicole Pellegrino, junior) put on a façade of sadness.

### Near the End

Estranged husband and wife, Gloria (Nicole Pellegrino, junior) and Prospero (Roman Teller, junior), talk for the last time shortly after being reunited. "I committed galactic suicide because my character realized his creation was anything but a success," Roman said.



# Losing Touch

Returning to the Forbidden Planet, characters lose reality as they travel to uncharted territories



Laura Dunn,  
junior

Nicole  
Pellegrino,  
junior

Roman  
Teller, junior

Kaitlin  
Kovach, junior

Wearing blue lipstick and matching eye shadow, Nicole Pellegrino, junior, reached into her make-up bag, grabbed her pearls and draped them around her neck. She put them back, finishing her good luck ritual and joined the cast on stage.

Crew members of the play's imaginary space flight entered the stage and instructed the theater what to do "in case of an emergency." The airplane simulation ended as the cast entered.

*Return to the Forbidden Planet*, a love story involving space travel and drugs, allowed for unique characters.

"I think I had a fun part because it was interesting and there were a lot of things that could be done with it as opposed to other parts that were more straightforward," Joey Manderino, freshman, said. Clad in silver stretch pants and face make-up, Joey turned into a robot for both of the performances.

Unique casting combined with the absence of a regular pit orchestra replaced traditional aspects of a play.

"I don't know why I was so crazy, but I was in love with rock and roll," Mrs. Renee Kouris, English teacher, said.

"It was definitely a lot more challenging to get the cues right with the band as opposed to being in a chorus with 50 other people knowing your mistakes would be a lot less audible," Roman Teller, junior, said.

When the production finished, the entire cast and audience witnessed an unprecedented surprise.

"I thanked the cast and crew for their participation, and I told them it would be my last show," Mrs. Kouris said. "I didn't sleep at all the night before because I wasn't sure if I should quit, but my husband encouraged me to

## Looking On

To assure the rock band's music would match the mood of the play, Mrs. Renee Kouris, English and drama teacher, watched a run-through of the play in early November with members of the band. Adding rock and roll to the play created a more lively atmosphere.

give up my extra-curriculars."

Looking back, Mrs. Kouris saw the play, complete with funky music and costumes, as one of the most innovative she ever produced.

## Return to the Forbidden Planet

### Dates

Nov. 18 and 19

### Tickets \$5

### Director

Mrs. Renee Kouris

### Student

### Directors

Jodi Rosenthal and

Michelle Sopher





### Sharing a Secret

Smiling sweetly, Jessica Olive (Jodi Rosenthal, sophomore) and Whitney Olive (Brandon Sweeney, junior) talk about their infamous "martinis." During the Feb. 18 and 19 production, Brandon claimed to have the secret for the best tasting martini in the world.

### Finishing Touches

In an attempt to create a perfect setting for *Done to Death*, Joel Moosmiller, sophomore, and Jason Vargo, senior, install the arch over the doors. "It wasn't really bad working (for) four weeks because we got organized," Joel said.



### Just Waiting

Sitting alone during dress rehearsal, director Nicole Pellegrino, junior, tries to find any last problems. She spent the last days before the performance checking to make sure everything ran smoothly.

### Behind the Scenes

Before the winter play *Done to Death* begins, Roman Teller, junior, applies his own stage make-up for the part of Gregory. "After a couple productions with make-up people, most of us learned how to apply make-up ourselves," Roman said. "We just had to visualize our characters and work with what supplies we had."



### Gather Round

After calling for a doctor, members of the *Done to Death* cast examine auditorium staff member Elyse Soto, senior. Elyse died after eating "bad concession stand food" in the Feb. 18 and 19 performances.



### Balancing Act

Greeting Mildred Maxwell (Kaitlin Kovach, junior) at the door, Whitney Olive (Brandon Sweeney, junior), helps to make her feel at home. "Taking her suitcase and coat with a martini glass in my hand was tough," Brandon said.



# Perfect Mix

Students produce winter play filling theater with mix of martinis, radio pencils, stories, death



Brandon Sweeney, junior

Steve Pesich, senior

Joey Mandernino, freshman

Kaitlin Kovach, junior

Standing with the presence of any other director, Nicole Pellegrino, junior, like those before her, completed a month of work, practices and mistakes.

"From the very beginning, I was really nervous," Nicole said before the opening night of *Done to Death*.

After the resignation of Mrs. Renee Kouris, English and drama teacher, as director for drama productions earlier in the year, an empty void remained on the auditorium stage. Nicole, president of Drama Club, filled the void by volunteering to direct the show herself.

"The talent filling this space was indescribable," Nicole said, "They were the epitome of excellence."

The cast learned everything about the show, from the plot to memorization, in only four weeks.

"We all came so far in such a short time," Kevin Cane, junior, said. "I couldn't believe it was opening night."

As assistant director, Kevin helped Nicole mold 14 students into the characters they portrayed on stage. From blocking to memorization and costumes, Kevin and Nicole explored every aspect of the theater.

"It was so awesome to see you drink until you were 'blotto,' pull out the pencil radios, and shake your padded butts," Kevin said to the cast after the play. "Thank you for allowing me to watch you, to talk with you, critique you, smile at you, laugh at you, enjoy you, and even learn from you. This was a truly amazing journey."

Nicole, in one sentence, summarized their weeks of hard work and dedication.

"This show was a bright star on a black stage," Nicole said before the show.

Taking her position in the back of the auditorium, she watched as the stage lit up with the brilliance of a student-produced star.

## *Done to Death*

Dates Feb. 18

and 19

Tickets \$5 for

adults, \$4 for

students

Director Nicole

Pellegrino

Assistant

Director Kevin

Cane



### Dream Dancing

To decide if he should accept his daughter, Chava (Nicole Pellegrino, junior) and her new husband, Fyedka (Roman Teller, junior), Tevye (Brandon Sweeney, junior) thinks back on Chava's life. "It showed the drama that could be done in high school musicals," Brandon said.

### Constructive Criticism

After the end of rehearsal freshmen Chris Carlos and Alex Feldman and Brandon Sweeney, junior, listen to notes about their performance. "It was good to review," Brandon said.



### Last Farewell

Ready for a new life, Bielke (Melissa Falgier, junior), Shprintze (Margaret DeDios, junior), Tzeitel (Jodi Rosenthal, sophomore), Tevye (Brandon Sweeney, junior), Motel (Joey Manderino, freshman) and Golde (Priya Pai) prepare to split apart. "It was a sad scene because it was depressing but it was also happy because (it was near the end and) we realized we accomplished the entire show," Jodi said.



### Making a Point

As Yente (Laura Dunn, junior) tells Golde (Priya Pai, senior) the match she set up, Golde listens. "I liked it because Laura's character brought animation to the scene," Priya said.

### White Lies

In order to convince his wife to approve of his daughter's wedding, Tevye (Brandon Sweeney, junior) invents a dream about Fruma-Sarah (juniors Katie Gluek and Rob Brandon).





Left between tradition and a changing world, "Fiddler on the Roof" cast members challenge tradition, leave audience cheering

# Changing times



Andrew Schumacher, junior



Lenny Weiss, freshman



Rob Branson, junior



Jodi Rosenthal, sophomore

Completing her lines, happy that no one noticed mistakes, Priya Pai, senior, stepped in the spotlight for one moment of recognition. She took her bow and realized her work paid off.

As the production based on different traditions drew to a close, "Fiddler on the Roof" received an untraditional audience response, a standing ovation, during the May 4 to 7 shows.

Actors took their usual bows and the entire audience stood up during what seemed like one giant swoop. "It made me feel giddy," Laura Dunn, junior, said. "I felt that not only did we do a good job, but the audience appreciated it."

The cast, which spent over 20 hours rehearsing the week before the production began, thanked the audience for support.

"Nothing is as disappointing as performing to a small audience," Priya said. "Having the audience cheer us on, laugh, and cry was very helpful."

Everyone involved in theater, from sets and acting to the live pit orchestra, found the large audience helpful.

The end left Brandon Sweeney with mixed emotions.

"It felt great," Brandon Sweeney, junior, said. "It's the greatest feeling because we accomplished a funny and dramatic musical that was hard. It was also sad because whenever you put so much time into it you feel empty when it was over."

The show brought the 79 cast members together through months of rehearsals. To celebrate the ending of a successful four-day run which generated \$13,278, a \$7,500 profit, cast members gathered in a farewell circle to talk about the show.

"Thank you for living with me on the stage for the past few months," Brandon said. "We were so lucky to be able to live on stage."

Bowing his head to the massive audience applause, Brandon and Priya felt truly lucky.

**Production**  
Dates May 4-7  
Tickets \$5  
**Director** Mr. Larry Brehner and Dr. Timothy Bartlett  
**Student**  
Director Julia Bochnowski

## Swept Away

With a dream of her future husband in mind, Hodel (Kaitlin Kovach, junior) imagines a bright future. One of the main conflicts in the play resulted in Kaitlin's struggle against about her husband.



### lovely lights

As the lights brightly shine down on Terry Specyal, senior, he performs a solo on his guitar with his band, SWAT during Battle of the Bands. Playing onstage proved a different experience for the student bands, most having little experience performing.

### magic mouth

Scarves spew from the mouth of Yang member David Young, junior, during Battle. "Bringing my magic onstage was another way to bring everyone into our performance," David said.

### fan club

To encourage their friends onstage, seniors Alison Schock, Sarah Johnson, Natalie Bieda, Sheila Rane and Poonam Shah stand up proudly displaying their "Yang" shirts at Battle. Bands designed and sold t-shirt to promote their bands.



### hands up

Sitting on the stage floor, Jeff Palmer, junior, plays a solo on his keyboard while performing at Battle of the Bands along with the other members of Table 9.

Not too many people could play piano while lying on the ground, so I just wanted to show off. Besides, it was something that was unusual," Jeff said.



# The Spotlight Calls

Teens get chance to show off musical talents as  
Battle of the Bands takes stage in packed auditorium

**E**xplosions of light and sound filled the air in the Auditorium as students filed down the isles and bands set up their equipment on the stage. Guitars tuning and screeching microphones signaled the beginning of Battle of the Bands. Then the lights dimmed and silence swept across the stage as the opening band, Planet Funk took the stage for their debut performance.

After a one week delay, Battle of the Bands finally commenced. With music styles ranging from classic rock to Christian rock to interpretive poetry, the music styles covered a horizon broad enough to attract the attention and interest of almost every student.

"We formed our band to get together and help praise God," Students With A Testimony (SWAT) bassist, Paul Rogers, junior, said.

"And that's just what we wanted to do at Battle."

The experience of all these bands also varied greatly. Some bands, like Enemy Calypso and Table 9, played local gigs at coffee shops and their friends' parties.

## dueling saxes

To show off their playing skills, Kevin Davidson, senior, and Eric Flores, junior, perform duet on their saxophones.

"We were a very diverse band," Enemy Calypso guitarist, Dan Wick, sophomore said. "We liked to play lots of different types of music, and had fun doing

local gigs at places like the Daily Perk, where lots of our friends would come watch."

SWAT played a tour for their church. Other bands, like Planet Funk and Yang made their debut performance. Penthouse Melodies played at Winter Homecoming, and Local Input played at a showcase of talent at Lake Central, while performing local gigs as well.

Even though bands prepared months in advance for this night, technical difficulties still seemed to plague the event as Penthouse Melodies found their instruments made no sound.

"Everything worked while we were practicing at home," Penthouse Melodies bassist, Jason Douts, junior, said. "But when we set up at school, there wasn't any sound. We finally figured out the problem and once it was fixed we played our hardest. It felt so good playing on that stage. It gave us a totally different feeling, for one moment everything just tied together perfectly."

Despite the technical difficulties, Penthouse Melodies won first place at Battle. Enemy Calypso received second and Table 9 received third.

After a long night of sweating it out under bright lights and singing at the top of their lungs, the bands packed up and got ready to leave, but for one night they got a small taste of show business. They provided entertainment for all their friends and even family, making them dance, scream and sing along as they played.

## can-can boys

Forming a can-can line, juniors Mike Boyle, Mike Bahner, Rob Branson and freshman Gabe Culberg take the stage with the band Yang. Humor often made its way onto the stage during Battle, because it brought the audience into the performances and made them laugh.



### study session

To complete the next day's math assignment, seniors Bethany Shutko and Mark Olley focus on their problems together. "We studied together a lot," Bethany said. "Because we had the same things to study, we often did our work together. We helped each other out and spent time together, too."

### tied together

While Penthouse Melodies plays a mix of music at the Winter Homecoming dance, sophomores Becky Herron and Aaron Cheek move to a slow song. "The Winter Homecoming dance was good, because it was a chance to spend time together, and the dance didn't cost a lot of money," Becky said.



### time out

During contact time, sophomores Greg Eckrich and Jillian Martin talk in the Commons. "Because we were busy, we took advantage of the time we had together," Greg said.

### heart to heart

With music playing in the background, seniors Terry Specyal and Erin DeVries take time out at the Turnabout dance. "It was very important for couples to talk," Terry said. "If couples didn't talk, their relationship was pointless."





# walk<sup>in</sup> the park

From surprise attacks to dating  
with out a car, students learn  
from their relationships

**T**he lights in the house went on, and thoughts raced through senior Christie Griffin's head. "I was in my room one night, when Aaron (Jillson, senior,) called and said that he was coming, and told me to meet him outside," Christie said. "I went out to meet him, and we sat talking in his car. I was playing with a flashlight on his keychain. My mom was watching us from the window, and thought we were smoking. She came out to the car, swung open the door and pulled me out."

Underclassmen who did not yet have their licenses relied on parents, siblings, and older friends to help them get to the destination in which they desired.

"When my boyfriend and I went to a movie, my parents had to drive us there and then pick us up when it was over," Michelle Coduti, junior, said. "I couldn't wait to get my driver's license just because of that reason, in particular."

Relationships in high school not only gave students companions, but it also helped them learn valuable lessons.

"It taught you a lot about life," Ryan Bulan, senior, said. "Being in a relationship, you learned a lot about things you had to deal with in the future. It taught you how to manage your time, because you had to make time for not only friends and sports, but also her."

With the laughter also came all of the fighting that forced students to have to deal with their particular situation.

"Fighting helped you to realize what was important to the other person," Kelly Mercer, senior, said.

Through good times and bad, relationships taught life lessons and provided students with new experiences.

## be mine

Embarrassing  
Date Moment

"On our first date, Adam and I went to Baker's Square," Natalie Jordan, senior, said. "About half way through our dinner, I spilled my Pepsi on the table. It didn't get on us, though. It was so embarrassing. Then, as if that wasn't bad enough, I had a rubber band on my wrist. I was nervous, and was playing with it. Out of nowhere, it shot off my wrist, and flew over Adam's head, hitting the guy sitting behind him. He turned around, and I put my head down. It was fine, because Adam and I had been together for two years by the end of senior year."

## quiet time

After school, seniors Kelly Mercer and John Hanrahan walk through Community Park. "The park was a really peaceful and quiet place where we could be by ourselves," Kelly said. "We walked there sometimes after school, because it gave us time to talk about stuff that was going on in both of our busy lives, or just gave us time to catch up."



# let<sup>the</sup> night begin

Whether picking up flowers, to hurrying back from state competitions, teens rush to complete last minute tasks

**T**he siren-like sound of the alarm filled her room, and she covered her ears in disbelief. Janice Florczak, senior, swung her arm toward the table by her bed, in hopes of making the piercing sound stop.

'It's too early for my alarm to go off,' Janice thought. The red 6:00 caused her face to scrunch at the thought of getting up so early on Saturday morning. Janice and other band and orchestra members forced themselves to wake early Feb. 5 to

prepare for the Indiana State Solo and Music Competition (ISSMA). Students found themselves rushing in preparation before Turnabout that night.

"I got home from ISSMA at 11 a.m. and I had a hair appointment at noon," Janice said. "After that, I had to pick up my flowers and dress."

The Dance Team also found themselves rushing on the day of the Turnabout dance. They cut their trip to Lafayette for the State competition short because of their goal to arrive at school before the dance ended.

"By the time that we finally got back to Munster, we still

had almost two hours to enjoy ourselves at the dance," Ellen Bielawski, senior, said.

Although students complained of stress and complication before the dance, the night satisfied even the busiest.

"Even though people had things to do I don't think anybody regretted going to dances," Roman Teller, junior, said.

After a stressful day, Janice's head hardly hit the pillow before she fell asleep, reliving the events

of the evening in her dreams, cementing memories forever.

## side chat

While music plays in the background during the Homecoming dance, Nicole Farnsley, junior, and her date, Lake Central sophomore Nick Schultz, talk to Mike Johnson, junior. Students took the time to talk with friends at dances.



Nina  
Bilmoria,  
senior



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### say cheese

With arms entwined, juniors Kristen Shelton and Kim Duesing wait for Jenny Gaskill, junior to flash a picture, capturing a memorable moment at the Homecoming dance. "Students relied on their cameras to take pictures at the dances," Kristen said. "My friends and I tried to take as many pictures as we could."

### song picks

In hopes of hearing a favorite tune, Sarah Sands, junior, looks through the DJ's book of songs at the Homecoming dance. "Students went up to the DJ and requested what they wanted to hear throughout the night," Sarah said. "I liked that because it gave you something to look forward to."



### checking in

After standing in line to get into the dance, Alison Holka, senior, hands her ID and ticket to Mrs. Carrie Diombala, non-educational Aide. "I had to wait in line for twenty minutes just to get into the dance," Alison said. "It was such a waste of time that I could have spent dancing or talking."



### long wait

Arriving at the dance only minutes before, Blake Mayer, senior, talks to his date, Gavit junior Dana Foy. "We had to wait so long to get into the Commons," Blake said. "When we finally got in, I introduced Dana to my friends, and we had fun."

### twist time

While music echos all around them, seniors Iris Insurriaga and Brooke Pavola dance without worrying about the crowds. "We liked the twist song, so we just started dancing together," Iris said. "We couldn't find our dates, so we danced without them."

# hold on to the night

Grooving to songs, students  
let loose in Commons  
transformed by  
hearts and stars

A couples strolled through a heart covered hall, Lou Bega's "Mambo #5" blared in the near distance. Ready to begin a night of dancing, Adriana Medynsky, senior, arrives with her date for some fun.

"At Turnabout it was fun watching Mr. (Chuck) Schallhorn tape everything and running up to the video camera," Coleen Adley, freshman, said. "My friends and I went up to people and did crazy dances and jumped in front of them. My friend Emily (Hoban, freshman) made up one with the chicken dance and a pharaoh and swivel."

Grooving to the music, students danced to songs from the "electric slide" to the slow songs. Making the dancing a bit easier, the girls slipped off their shoes while several guys took off their jackets.

"I liked being dressed up and going nuts," Brian Stier, sophomore, said. "All the guys had beaters on because it was so hot."

With the aid of refreshments, couples endured the heat and continued to dance. However, the night did not end after the dance.

"The group I went with ate and then we went to a friend's house and goofed around," Adriana said. "There was snow on the ground and I didn't want to step in it with my dress and open-toed heels, and I didn't want to walk around the driveway, so Roman (Teller, junior) picked me up and walked me to the car."

Adriana adjusted her dress and situated herself in the seat, ready to go home for the night. Despite the heat and long picture lines, students created memories to last a lifetime.

## getting down

Sharing a laugh, Natalie Jordan, senior, does the twist with Andrian senior Adam Samaga. "When the twist song came on Adam pulled me out onto the floor," Natalie said.



sophomores Jordan Richardson and Tony Doesburg

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Feb. 5

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### eye to eye

Eyes locked on each other, seniors Margaret Schaum and John Richey, sway to the music. "It was fun because all of our friends went together," Margaret said. "At Homecoming we didn't all go in the same group."

### get the picture

Gathered close together, freshmen Lauren Treasure, Emily Hoban, Elizabeth Fattore, and Lauren Biel wait for their friend Steve Smith, freshman, to snap the picture. In order to treasure the dance, students not only relied on professional photographs, but quick candids as well.



### break time

A glass of Mountain Dew provided a quick refreshment for sophomores Karen Lindemann and Kate Thompson as they stop to chat. Students welcomed cool beverages after dancing on the hot floor.

### bench warmers

At a bench away from the crowds, Lauren Weichman, junior, listens and laughs at a joke with Brad Lipton, senior. The benches, dressed up with table cloths and centerpieces of balloons, served as a place to rest and catch up with friends.



### center of attention

Above the crowd of his freshmen friends, Aaron Cameron, freshman, grooves to the music while pausing for a picture. Students moved to the music of Sensational Sounds.

### bending balloons

To enter the dance, Mike Anthony, junior, and his date, Kelly Vliek, senior, duck below red, pink and white balloons in the shape of a heart. Students received silver balloons with their names imprinted on them before they left the dance.



## smile wide

Grouped together for a picture, seniors Brittany Fritzsche, Amanda Bowers, Maureen Malungcot, Angela Smith, Marisa Joens, Katie Camalick,

Jeni Goldsmith, Lauren Pestikas, Sheri Meyers and Meredith Nelson hold their pose so each girl could have one taken on their own camera.

## night moves

Students get down and carry lasting memories with their friends

Ignoring their dates momentarily, Matt Grolewski, senior, and Andean senior Adam Samaga take the time to "bust a move" on the dance floor. Dancing with their date, however, seniors Candace Baker and Bobby Thompson make the most of Prom night while a crowd formed around them to watch. Meanwhile, students did need the occasional break from dancing, as Kyle Wilbanks, junior, and Katie Thompson, sophomore, pose for a quick picture and take the time for a pop break. Students who brought a camera to the dance often stopped to fill up their roll



## crowned effort

After being announced Prom Queen, Sheri Meyers, senior, gets crowned by school president David Young, junior, during the dance. The students who attended the dance voted Sheri as Prom Queen from among six other girls nominated.



## pick and choose

Careful not to spill any food on his tuxedo, Geoff Carot, junior, and his date, Sarah Theille, freshman, exchange plates while Tara Brennan, sophomore, helps herself.

## cloud nine

As they hear their name announced, Lauren Hamblin, freshman, and Joe Mack, junior, begin their march in the fieldhouse. In order to have a picture taken, students had to walk around.



# picture perfect

While arranging limos to dancing all night long, students plan weekend activities to occupy time



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pening the door for his date, Bob Thompson, senior, helps Candace Baker, senior, into the GMC Jimmy to transport them to Prom and start the evening.

"It was the first dance that I had been to, and it was definitely an interesting experience for me," Bob said.

However, the fun for Bob started after the dance.

"A bunch of us went on the Odyssey cruise ship in Chicago, and the food was better, and so was the dancing," Bob said. "We also went to Turkey Run hoping to rent out a canoe, but there wasn't enough time."

Since other students did not have the necessary accommodations to make it that far, they stuck closer to home.

"After Homecoming, my date (Kristen Gleason, freshman) wanted to go out with her friends after, so I just went along with her plan," Joe Schmiedl, sophomore, said. "We really couldn't go anywhere else but out to eat because I didn't have my license, and I had to get to the dances with friends."



Angie Ritchie, freshman, and Brian Balkam, junior

Several groups included people from different schools, which restricted what could be done with their time.

"We went to Donatello's after Turnabout because it was close, and kids from other schools needed to get home,"

## dressed down

Standing in line for a drink, Rob Branson, junior, gives new meaning to dressing up formal. Rob, who wore the shorts underneath his pants, made his own statement while at the same time remaining cool while waiting for another pop.

Nisha Doshi, junior, said. "We didn't get a limo because we stayed so close.

As Bob spends his time at Turkey Run, he and others take advantage of the fun times after the dance itself.



## Prom

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April 15

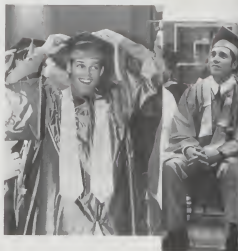
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### HAND IN HAND

With a smile on her face, Jenny Bamboat, senior, shakes hands with Principal Michael O'Connor after receiving her diploma. "When I was up there, it felt as though I had accomplished something," Jenny said. "When I sat back down, it hit me that I might not see some people again and that high school was over."



### SPEAKING OUT

Addressing his fellow graduates, Steve Lindemann, senior, talks to the class about the past four years. As salutatorian, Steve delivered a speech culminating the main events throughout school.

### MINOR DETAILS

Before the ceremony on June 4, Megan Chynoweth, senior, helps Steve Ciric, senior, with his tassel. With family and friends watching, the seniors adjusted each others caps, tassels and gowns.



## COMPLETE CLASS

Adjusting his tassel, Jay Karcz, senior, talks to Nate Hansen, senior, before they graduate. During the ceremony, Class Secretary Steve Weck, senior, anxiously awaits to give the class gift. After the ceremony, Steve Mendoza, senior, jokes around with Mr. Donald Fortner, business teacher. Celebrating their commencement, seniors Brittany Fritzsche and Pat Cailles embrace. The Class of 2000 had nine National Merit Students, contributed to seven Sectional Championships, and won three straight spirit awards.



# TAKING LIFE IN HAND

Walking in fieldhouse for last time  
revives memories of four years,  
builds anticipation for what lies ahead

As Valedictorian of Munster High School's Class of 2000, Nina Bilimoria, senior, related her speech to one skill that she claimed to not have: drawing.

"But luckily today, the world hands each of us, members of the Class of 2000, a blank canvas. On it, we have the ability to paint a beautiful future, one filled with achievement and joy."

**"First, wash your paintbrushes, set up your easel, and be ever aware of subject matter."** Making comparisons to Bill Gates, Julia Roberts and Michael Jordan, she stressed that they did not get there by luck. They received their fame through hours and hours of hard work.

**"Next, balance painting with lighting bugs."** Confused looks appeared on faces throughout the fieldhouse, but she then persisted that the seniors not forget to make time to have fun. "Don't be afraid to stop the car once in a while," Nina said relating a story to her classmates. "Otherwise, you never know what you'll miss."

**"Now, of course, the masterpiece that you are creating will have some smudges, some mistakes."** Acknowledging that errors can occur, Nina explained how mistakes can help the seniors learn from them.

"It went back to an old saying, 'Whatever doesn't kill you makes you stronger,' and it will surely be true in the next few years," Bill Gray, senior, said.

**"Finally, become your own favorite artist."** Drawing parallels to other famed "artists," such as Michelangelo and Bill Clinton, she pointed out the importance to "become your own hero."

"Everyone will be going their separate ways, and no matter what direction, they go in, they have to choose their own paths," Kelly Vliek, senior, said.

As Mr. Michael O'Connor, principal, quoted Winston Churchill by saying "Never, never, never give up," salutatorian Steve Lindemann and Nina planted memories and thoughts about the future in 283 graduates' heads, giving them a sense of completion and also something to look forward to.



Nina Bilimoria, senior

## Graduation

June 4

# of graduates

283

Fast Fact: First

class required

to pass ISTEP

to receive

diploma; last

year for Top 10.



To keep themselves busy during weekend nights, guys relied on friends with cars or entertained themselves within the comforts of their own home

Piling into his '93 Ford Explorer, Jeff Kocel, junior, and three of his friends decide to head out for a night on the town. While hanging out with just the guys, Jeff found many more things to do without company of the opposite sex.

"When I got together with other guys, I liked to play sports because you couldn't really play sports with women around," Jeff said. "I also liked to cruise around or wreak havoc when I could."

Others found plenty to do within the comforts of their home without having to drive around, which proved easier for the underclassmen without licenses.

"I had plenty of fun in my own house," David Ellis, freshman, said. "Sometimes I would have friends over so we could play ping-pong or just watch TV because we couldn't do that much without a way to get around."

Other students preferred a method in which they could stay within the confines of their own home, yet have a fun-filled night while sitting down the entire time.

"I liked to play video games because they were right there in your house," Danny Barton, sophomore, said. "When you had

friends over, you could have an action-filled game without having to go out."

Sometimes sitting at home just did not satisfy the appetite of the antsy students who wanted to have fun.

"I loved to go out and shoot pool with my friends," Kyle Spear, senior, said. "If we couldn't go out, I liked to gamble and play cards at someone's house."

Often times students who had extra-curricular activities to keep them busy limited the time they spent with their friends.

"I played on the basketball team, and when we got back after a game we went to Munster Gyros most of the time and then to someone's house," Milosh Stojanovic, senior, said. "When we didn't have a game, I tried to catch a movie or something like that with my friends, or a bunch of us would go eat at a restaurant or find something else to do."

After a fun-filled night of driving around town, Jeff drops his friends off one by one, weary from the night's activities that consumed his energy.



#### EAGER Anticipation

At BW3's on the "quarter-a-wing" Tuesday night, seniors Tony Konvalinka, Pete Mamula, John Richey, Joe Martino and Nick Hansen wait for someone to take their order. Students took advantage of the discount to spend time with their friends out of school.

#### PADDLE Pounding

In the basement of his house, Josh Lipton, sophomore, spends time sharpening his ping pong skills. "I liked to play ping-pong because it was pretty easy and something that all of my friends and I could play," Josh said.





### **CARD Sharks**

With their chips stacked by their side, Brad Clark, junior, and seniors John Pirmetz, Jon Depa and Pat Cailles look at their cards before betting. "It was something we did because we could all relate to it and have fun doing it," John said.

### **ON Cue**

To make sure his shot goes in the corner pocket, Aaron Gray, sophomore, lines up his stick with the cue ball. "It was something I did to give me a challenge and keep me busy," Aaron said.



### **PITCHIN' Discs**

On a weekend at Community Park, seniors Steve Mendoza, Eric Bukowski, and Evan Jones play a round of frisbee golf. "When the weather was good and the wind let us, we would go play just about every day," Steve said.

### **REMOTE Controlled**

Relaxing at home on a Friday night, sophomores Danny Barton and Teruo Toyama play NBA2K on Sega Dreamcast. "Video games were fun to play, and it was easier to have people over because I didn't have my license," Teruo said.

## the Girls

As girls have fun during special nights out without opposite gender, they realize new options that bring unexpected results

While standing in front of the mirror, Brittany Marschak, freshman, prepared for her night out and chatted on the phone to finalize her plans. After perfecting her hair and meeting her friends, they all headed out to a dance club for the remainder of the night. However, this outing involved a slightly different plan: no boys.

Friday and Saturday nights no longer meant "date nights" for these students. Girls turned their weekend nights into time spent with each other, a girls' night out. Whether they ate dinner at a local restaurant, caught a movie at Showplace 16, or slept over at a friend's house, these "get-togethers" never failed to provide hours of fun for the girls.

These well-deserved fun nights often came after a week of work. With a week of tests, schoolwork and pressure at home, girls wanted a stress-free night to anticipate.

"It was a night to spend with your friends when you didn't have to worry about the past week," Brittany said. "It was just a time to relax, be yourself and have fun."

A night out on the town also allowed time for friends to catch up with events and talk about the latest news. Hannah Lodge, sophomore, met with her friends frequently to talk and hang out. Between the hustle and bustle of the school week, along with jobs and family activities, the remainder of the day left little time for friends. To avoid this conflict, she set aside

a separate time that belonged solely to her friends.

"My friends and I went out to eat every other week," Hannah said. "I enjoyed it. It gave us a chance to talk together and find out everything that was new."

Having fun included acting like yourself with your friends. Sometimes, according to Lauren Roman, junior, you didn't have as much freedom when part of a big group to act like yourself.

"You could go totally crazy and make yourself look very silly in front of girls, and you didn't have to be embarrassed about it," Lauren said. "You were with all of your friends, so you didn't have to try to impress anyone special."

One student believed that participating in a girls' night out once in a while, made the time spent together meaningful.

"Going out with all my girlfriends a couple times a month allowed different events which made it more fun," Jaci Grigsby, senior, said.

Whether they grabbed a bite to eat at a local restaurant, dressed up for a dance club, or stayed at home and rented movies in the comfort of their own home, a girls' night out included many options to take part in. The absence of the opposite sex, however, didn't bother Brittany and her friends. In fact, they enjoyed the different scenario.

#### PICK and Choose

As they choose a movie to watch later that night, juniors Val Porras, Jessica Oprinovich, and Michelle Sopher, giggle at their selection. "Hollywood Video was a local place, and the movies provided hours of entertainment for my friends and me," Michelle said.





### OUT and About

Surrounded by racks upon racks of new clothes, Kelly Metz, senior, and Danielle Zagorski, junior, browse for the ideal outfit at Marshall's in Highland Grove. "Shopping was the perfect way to spend a half day with good friends," Danielle said.

### CIRCLE of Friends

With Green Rivers and ice cream floats covering their entire table, Morgan Matthews, senior, Megan Morley, junior, Melissa Heinemann, freshman, and Janice Florczak, senior, enjoy each other's company one afternoon at Schoop's. "Going out with my friends for a snack broke the everyday routine of life and school," Janice said.



### NIGHT Owls

Comfortable in their pajamas, freshmen Simal Turan, Leslie Parker and Amy Hayes snack on popcorn while watching a movie. "My friends and I were really close because of the sleepovers we had," Simal said. "It gave us the perfect chance to bond."

### DECORATING Duty

Finalizing all the decorative details for freshman Cindy Kuo's party, freshmen Jen Zivich and Kelly Markovich place the streamers in the perfect spot at freshman Connie Kuo's house. Cindy's friends threw a bon-voyage party before she moved to Los Angeles.



### DIPPING In

While digging into their ice cream sundaes, Austin Grow, freshman, Alice Lanman, sophomore, Ari Grow, junior, and Ivan Fitzgerald, freshman, talk about their plans at Dairy Queen. "It was fun to hang out with people you liked, otherwise you wouldn't be able to make long-lasting friends," Ari said.

### BLUES Brothers

Showing their spirit for the Boys Basketball Team, sophomores Kevin Wadychki and Adam Wallace and senior Eric Yttri watch the Highland game, while dressed as the Blues Brothers. "I became close friends with the guys in the band and we would always have a good time at a game," Kevin said.



### CHEERING to Victory

Hundreds of fans stand and cheer during the Boys' Basketball Team's victory over the Highland Trojans. School events provided a place for friends to meet and spend their free time with each other.



### LAUGHING Matter

Showing their friend a package of greeting cards at Borders in Highland, sophomores Amanda Manoski and Eric Ford laugh about the graphic on the card. "Because it was hard to get all of my friends together, we would meet someplace like Borders," Amanda said.



# Mixed

# CROWD



As he paid for his popcorn and Goobers at Showplace 16 in Schererville, Derek Newell, freshman, turned to his friends while they tried to foretell the outcome of *Scream 3*. Outings during the weekend brought Derek and his friends of both sexes together for an evening of fun and excitement or just a way to spend their time.

"I considered a night out with my friends just a regular Saturday night where we could hang out and talk," Derek said. "We would either go see a movie or go over to someone else's house to hang out."

Different whereabouts gave students opportunities on where to spend their weekend. Unusual atmospheres and locations arranged new places of interest for students to find some action.

"My friends and I would always look for different places to go out each weekend," Chuck Mamich, sophomore, said. "It was fun to visit all the new restaurants and shops that were just built. Buffalo Wild Wings was a cool place to go to because they had the trivia game there."

A variety of places to go helped friends choose where to spend their time. Restaurants, book stores or movie theaters provided the right kind of entertainment that school students looked for in the evening or even after school.

"Borders was a fun place to go to," Katie O'Block, sophomore, said. "It had everything: books, music, and there were always people you knew."

A mixture of both guys and girls presented a different atmosphere for groups of friends.

"Usually when I hung out with guys, the other girls in the group and I would have to watch what we said because we couldn't talk about the girl stuff we usually talked about," Sonya Garcia, junior, said. "Otherwise, it seemed like we had more fun when I had my guy friends with me. That way we were able to talk about our day during school."

While they entered the theater, Derek and his friends readied themselves for a night out of mixed company realizing that traveling out on the town with members of both sexes.

Whether parousing through books and CD's at Borders or catching the late showing at Showplace 16, teens increase fun by going out on the town with both sexes

## SWEET Ride

While he pulls up to the auditorium garage to work on the Junior Class float for the Homecoming parade, Mike Zivanovic, junior, shows off his motorcycle to Matt Nierngarten, sophomore. Float building helped bring friends together while they worked to support their school.



### TUNING In

On a Thursday night after school, Marko Medynsky, freshman, and his sister Adriana, senior, watch *Austin Powers* in their downstairs family room. "Spending time with my family was important because it was mostly the only time we got along," Adriana said.

### QUICK Read

During a break in speech competitions, Courtney Mambourg, freshman, and her father read a newspaper in a classroom filled with refreshments. "My dad enjoyed watching me speak," Courtney said. "He never knew I had so much energy in me."



### FAMILY Support

Standing with his mother in the fieldhouse, Dave Noel, freshman, watches another biddyball game

and talks about the game they just lost. "Both my parnts came to my games, and I'm really glad they took the time to go," Dave said.



# Sticking TOGETHER

Families overcome busy schedules, mountains of homework to spend holidays, bonding time together

Jumping into her family's minivan the day after Thanksgiving, Christine Taber, freshman, embarked on the annual trip to a tree farm in St. John to pick out their Christmas tree.

"We took the tree home and my dad would spend forever trying to put it in the stand," Christine said. "We spent the rest of the day decorating it as a family. It was an opportunity for us to become closer and catch up on whatever was going on in our lives."

Although an occasional dropped ornament shattering on the wood floor with a clatter put a damper on decoration festivities, sometimes unavoidable accidents occurred.

"At my brother's baby shower, I was standing on a fold up chair hanging up streamers, and I fell and broke my wrist," Melissa Leslie, freshman, said. "I had to spend the day at Community Hospital, so I missed the whole shower."

Preparations for celebrations offered one possible way for students to spend time with their busy families. Students realized the importance of a close relationship with parents and siblings, and set aside time so that they could attain these goals much easier.

"Every Thursday night was family night at my house," Terry Specyal, senior, said. "It was a night of fun and bonding. Sometimes we enjoyed a game of Scrabble or a game of badminton."

Other students spent quality time

together with their entire family simply out of tradition.

"Every night after dinner I watched TV with my sister," John Keplinger, junior, said. "My whole family had discussions about what went on in our lives."

On the spur of the moment, families also drove to museums in Chicago, played board games, built fires, went to movies, or participated in other family activities, trying to savor all the precious moments possible before kids grew into adults and had families of their own.

"My family chilled together," Meg Madderom, senior, said. "We watched TV and rented movies. I wasn't like other kids; I talked to my parents about things that happened in my life like school and friends."

By the time the pine needles turned brown and fell from the tree sitting in the Tabers' living room, another Christmas complete with brightly wrapped presents under the tree came to a close. A few brittle, brown pine needles remained ground into the carpet, reminding Christine of the time spent with her family.

## SNACK Attack

While eating doughnuts in their grandparents' kitchen on a Friday night, John Vroom, junior, and his cousin enjoy a family moment. "My whole family got together most Fridays," John said. "It was nice to be able to get together with them, and I liked hanging out with my cousins."



## MORNING Mass

Walking out of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hammond, Meg Madderom, senior, and her parents prepare to leave. "After church we usually we went out to breakfast and talked," Meg said.



### reach for the stars

Placing another star on the Spanish Club truck, Janet Pleitner, freshman, shows her spirit by donning a sombrero. Clubs gave students the opportunity to get involved in the school without worrying about making a team.



### heart and soul

To try to regain control, Marc Stojkovich, senior, maneuvers to a sit down position in his 145 lb. match against Lowell on Senior Night. "It was very sad for me," Stojkovich said. "I knew it was the last time I was ever going to wrestle on those mats again."



### silent leader

Staring intently at the action on the field, Dan Anderson, junior, kneels during the sidelines and watches the defense during the 45-8 loss to Highland in the Battle of the Bridge game. Anderson helped the Mustangs achieve a 7-3 season by leading the team in rushing yards and touchdowns.

### keeping the beat

Led by sophomores Kellie Creighton and Katie Kooy, the Band heads up the Homecoming Day parade. A trip to Disneyworld for the Disney Main Street Electrical Parade awarded the Band for their hardwork and dedication.



# UNparalleled

sports and clubs rise to the top  
with persistence and ability

**S**uccess filled Munster with  
**UNparalleled** pride

As 30 clubs and 36 teams pushed others aside

In the pool, on the court, or out on the field  
The Mustangs played with desire that  
would not yield

In overtime at Griffith, senior Aaron  
Jillson pumped up the crowd  
With his buzzer beating three that made  
Mustang fans proud

On the same night at Griffith, Jan. 28,  
senior Susan Hay  
Broke the Girls' Basketball scoring record  
keeping the Panthers at bay

As teams threw touchdowns and  
spotted up for threes  
Clubs raised money and competed for  
their own identity

Drama Club President Nicole Pellegrino,  
junior, stopped to take a breath  
While selecting for the winter play,  
*Done to Death*

For the Disney Main Street Electrical Parade,  
Band made a long expedition  
To Orlando, FL to play their own rendition

Whether playing their hearts out or learning  
their lines  
Students took pride in each victory and  
meeting deadlines

## play maker

Bringing the ball  
downcourt, Aaron  
Jillson, senior, looks to  
pass or shoot. Jillson's  
**UNparalleled**  
season high 42 points  
led the team to a 70-59  
victory over Gavitt.

## tight pack

Before a game, the  
"Red Dogs" huddle to  
try and fire each other  
up. A Regionals trip  
and a conference  
championship  
highlighted the Girls'  
Soccer team's season.

### Defending Their Territory

A host of Mustang defenders smother the Gary Roosevelt running back Nov. 15 on Senior Night during a 35-6 victory. "It was the first time we played Gary Roosevelt and they made a nice opponent just before the playoffs," Coach Marsh said.

### Breaking Free

Tucking the ball close and dodging the defense, John Hanrahan, senior, runs down the field during a home game. According to Coach Leroy Marsh, the Mustang offense grew stronger because the quarterback, Marc Stojkovich, made good decisions and the receivers caught the ball well.



## Red all over

Producing seven wins  
boys exceed expectations  
with wins over  
state-ranked  
Lake Central Indians and  
Lowell Red Devils as they  
gain 'REDemption'  
in the process

### Redeeming Factors

Redemption. In capitalized red letters, the word, nearly everywhere throughout school, advertised the team's slogan for the year.

Instead of being another "rebuilding" year, the Mustangs intended to seek redemption after last season's 3-7 record. Wins over state ranked Lake Central and Andean early in the season paved the way to respect for Mustang Football.

"It was more fun," linebacker Jake Skelton, senior, said. "When we went to school after a big win, we could walk around with pride. Last year we didn't have as many chances to do that."

The team felt they accomplished their redemption because the boys didn't play for themselves, but instead for each other, as a team.

To the players, the relationship often went beyond the typical team atmosphere.

"We cared about each other like family," quarterback Marc Stojkovich, senior, said. "The guys knew that I would bleed for them and I knew they would bleed for me."

The idea that the team became a family drew players into a tighter circle. When the team performed as a complete unit, wins followed.

"It brought Mustang Football back," Coach Bob Shinkan, geometry teacher, said. "We hadn't been playing Mustang Football in awhile. Before we were the hunters. This year we were the hunted. Everyone wanted to come after us."

### The Unusual Suspect

Leaning over the first row of bleachers in the football field, Annie Domascia, senior, chanted with the rest of the student cheering block.

Cold because she sported only a "wifebeater" undershirt marked by the letter "B," Annie tried



### A Proud Effort

Crying after a 34-7 loss against Griffith, Brian Balkam, junior, holds his head high as the team recites their chant for the last time. By growing closer, the team achieved the redemption of a 7-3 season.

### Facing a Challenge

Protected by the line, Marc Stojkovich, senior, readies to hand Jake Skelton, senior, the ball. Executing plays with precision provided the biggest challenge for the team to face, according to Skelton.



to signal one of the players on the field.

Annie and four friends, each clad in beaters marked with different letters, didn't come out only to support quarterback Marc Stojkovich, senior, or Brian Jablonski, senior. Instead, the dedicated few attended games weekly to cheer on a senior who rarely played, Bill Trovinger.

The fan club, called "B-Trov," caught the attention of player Nate Hansen, senior. The Mustangs led, 36-10, so they asked Hansen if Bill could get in the game for a few minutes during his senior Homecoming.

From the field, Hansen held up six fingers, so when the clock had six minutes left, the crowd began to chant from the North side of the stands.

"B-Trov, B-Trov, B-Trov," the crowd screamed. Taking note, Mustang coaches put Trovinger into the game with six minutes left. The defensive tackle took his position.

"(Once he got in), I leaned to Mike (Baniak, senior) and said, 'Wouldn't it be cool if Bill just accidentally fell on the ball in the end zone?'" Annie said, not knowing at the time that she actually predicted the future.

"I was playing defensive tackle and Hammond tried to flip the ball back to the running back and he missed," Trovinger said, "and I fell on it in the end zone."

Trovinger and his fan club went crazy after he, an undersized 130 pound defensive nose tackle, brought the score to 43-10.

"I was crying," Trovinger said.

"I just remember hugging Mike and crying because I was so happy," Annie said. "It was definitely the highlight of my year."

Tears streamed from fans' and players' eyes as they had witnessed something special.

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### Varsity

7-3

### 3-2 Conference

Gavit 33-7  
Morton 54-14  
Lake Central 28-23  
Andean 10-7  
Griffith 7-21  
Hammond 43-10  
Highland 8-45  
Lowell 7-3  
Gary Roosevelt 35-6

### Sectionals

Griffith 7-34

### Junior Varsity

6-4

LaPorte 0-35  
Morton 12-0  
Lake Central 0-40  
Andean 13-0  
Wheeler 34-26  
East Chicago 18-6  
Highland 6-35  
Lowell 14-33  
Gary Roosevelt 36-0

### Freshman

7-2

Kankakee Valley 27-0  
Gavit 21-8  
Morton 28-0  
Lake Central 14-6  
Andean 20-14  
Griffith 13-12  
Hammond 7-17  
Highland 7-9  
Lowell 27-0

Football  
First Team LAC: Luptak, Royal, Washausen, Jablonski



## Sweet Celebration

After a Dan Anderson, junior, touchdown, wide receiver Tom Royal, junior, and quarterback Marc Stojkovich, senior, celebrate. The 28-23 victory over the Indians gave the team confidence for a 7-3 season.

**Varsity Football** (front row) Tomio Toyama, Ron Barkowski, Nate Hansen, Brian Jablonski, Bryan Washausen, Josh Sudbury, Bill Trivinger (second row) Jay Kozczak, Matt DeBoer, Bill Mucha, Aaron Barnes, Jake Skelton, Marc Stojkovich, Steve Persac, Steve Ashby (third row) Dan Mize, Steve Steele, Dan Diombala, John Hanrahan, Dave Luptak, Mike Mirabelli, Tom Royal (fourth row) Brad Nykiel, Brian Balkam, Mike Boyle, Eric Rosiak, Dan Anderson, Dave Daniels, Alex Topete, Jakub Melnicki (fifth row) Bilal Omery, Dave Dziubczynski, Brian Lerner, Andy Rice, Kevin Kuntzky, Sean Greenya, Greg Eckrich, Blake Noland, Jim Knight (sixth row) trainer Matt Nierengarten, Adam Jadryev, Adam Castor, Allen Hill, Tony Doesburg, David Hansen, Mike Vabel, Brian Maslankowski, Tim Webb, trainer Andy DeYoung (seventh row) Zach Lambert, Chuck Mamich, Tom Lee, Nick Bularzik, Joe Jakisch (back row) Michael John Doherty, Coach Tom Largas, trainer John Doherty, Coach Scott McAllister, Coach Brian Clark, Coach Bob Shinkan, Coach Rob McCall, Head Coach Leroy Marsh, Patrick Doherty.



## Red all over

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### For Love of the Game

From pushing offensive line coach, Tom Largas's, Lincoln Navigator around the parking lot in summer weight training until the sectional loss against Griffith, Oct. 15, the team gave effort every minute of every day.

Intense feelings for the game enabled the players' sweat and hard work to pay off.

"I'm in love with football," Mike Boyle, junior, said. "I especially love the contact. Standing over someone after lighting them up is the best feeling I know." The 59

players on the team didn't complain about the aches and pains. While some thought of the season as

a dream come true, Dan Anderson, junior, accomplished something he had often hoped to achieve on the field.

"Ever since I was young, I watched the NFL and college football teams and I wanted to be a part of something that special," Anderson said about the sport.

Their love for football enabled them to

### Waiting to Exhale

Stretching for extra yardage against the Highland Trojans, Dan Anderson, junior, cannot break free from the grasp of the Trojan defender. Anderson led the team with 507 yards rushing and 10 touchdowns. "Getting tackled by the Highland defense was a frequent occurrence," Anderson said.

endure long practices and gave them the desire to achieve a 7-3 season.

### Runnin' With the Devils

As the team sprinted off the field triumphantly to their bus screaming, the fog rolled in giving the Lowell Stadium a "Varsity Blues" setting.

The Mustangs handed the undefeated, 4A, third ranked Lowell Red Devils their first loss, 7-3, in a defensive struggle Oct. 8.

Kevin Kutansky intercepted Lowell quarterback, Joe O'Connell's pass in the end zone to preserve the victory.

"Throughout the game, the team performed very well," Josh Sudbury, senior, said. "With the exception of a penalty in the



## Ready to Rumble

Marc Stojkovich, senior, Tom Royal, junior, and Aaron Barnes, senior, watch the 45-8 loss to Highland. "Highland was a real emotional let down," Coach Marsh said.

## Just Checking

Carefully looking over the defense, Eric Rosiak, junior, calls the cadence while Co-Captain Bryan Washausen, senior, prepares to snap the ball. "I think the excellent leadership from the seniors set a good example for us next year," Rosiak said. Rosiak and many others who normally played on the junior varsity level got the chance to step in for varsity members during decisive victories.



opening minutes of the game, our first offensive drive was flawless."

In the first offensive drive of the game, the Mustangs chewed up six minutes of clock. On fourth and 14 from the Lowell 34-yard line, quarterback Marc Stojkovich, senior, connected with wide receiver John Hanrahan, senior, for a 33-yard gain down to the one-yard line. Dan Anderson, junior, then followed with a one-yard plunge for the only touchdown of the game.

"With the win people looked for us knowing we would be one of the teams to look for in Sectionals," Coach Shinkan said.

The victory over Lowell highlighted the Mustangs' unpredictable 7-3 season as they gave Lowell their only loss until Semi-State.



**Freshman Football** (front row) Max Nitamoah, Chris Barnes, Adam Del Rio, Kyle Rice, Ben Rindere, Alex Cheng, Mike Kalina (second row) Phil Reaser, Andy Doesburg, Randy Hoyke, Steve Smith, Alex Pilawski, Victor Zerngast, Phil Koscielski, David Noel (third row) Jim Cuban, Matt Gomal, Bobby Hoffman, Jeff Newcomb, Mike Helfen, Josh Levin, Nathan Mack (fourth row) Jon Pleitner, Jim Kaczka, Justin Glasen, Lee Murphy, Dave Watson, Derek Newell, Lucas Vothment, Joe Skeritch (fifth row) Mario Zerngast, Tim Daugerty, Mark Botterman, Ivan Fitzgerald, Nick Vrabel, Steve Fandl, Jim Phelan, James Gonzales, Shane Hendon (sixth row) Tom Barnes, Steve Flores, Brett Navarro, Chris Herr, Andy Jayjack, A.J. Grow (back row), Megan Coyle, Coach Matt Backs, Coach Carl Fields, Nicole Greger



## Helping Hand

Talking things over with quarterback Marc Stojkovich, senior, Head Coach Leroy Marsh, health teacher, offers advice after an offensive possession. Coach Marsh added expertise that led to a four-win turnaround.



**Varsity Volleyball** (front row) Talia Matury-Vacaro, Rachel Merkell, Amanda Salinas, Margaret Schaum, Stephanie Gill, Lauren Ziemba (second row) Coach Chuck Schallhorn, Christina DiCostanzo, Assistant Coach Susan Klaer, Head Coach Naveed Nizam, Jessica Wilson, Coach Donald Fortner (back row) Jamie Rosko, Katie Sliwa, Gina Bassetto, Katie Thompson



**JV Volleyball** (front row) Stephanie Smith, Erin Kolb, Lea Pupillo, Karen Lindemann, Meredith Moran (back row) Angela Speziale, Jennifer Kaczka, Marisa Anzur, Head Coach Donald Fortner, Jessica Wilson, Cynthia Wisniewski, Jillian Martin



**Freshmen Volleyball** (front row) Alana Salinas, Gabrielle DeLuna, Lisa Rietmann, Kara Kozlowski, Ashley Velchek, Courtney Manibourg, Tamara Jones (second row) Lauren Mikler, Jessica Montilla, Lindsay Smaron, Mirjana Lakich, Nikki Gauthier, Anna Kretz, Jennifer Hostetter-Wolak (back row) Head Coach Susan Klaer, Jennifer Zivich, Sara Pfeiffer, Laura Cuevas, Diana Huerta, Coach Chuck Schallhorn

# High places

Hard work, dedication lead to 17-19 record and Sectional championship over Highland, but State dreams end as Mishawaka Cavemen rally in Mishawaka Regional Final

## Coming a Long Way

Joy and excitement filled each player after their first round Regional win over Merrillville, Oct. 30 at Mishawaka. However, the home team, the Cavemen, planned to stop the Mustangs' dream run any way they could.

The Mustangs fell behind early in the first morning game against Merrillville, but recovered to win, 15-13. They then lost the second game, 15-9. With the score tied late in the third and deciding game, the Mustangs had the chance to put the game away with a Rachel Merkell, senior, spike. The spike, however, caromed off the floor around 10 feet past the end line.

"I was a little discouraged and upset with myself," Merkell said. "However, the miss made me a lot more determined to kill the next one."

With the Mustangs leading 16-15, Merkell came through in the clutch with a booming spike to finish off the Pirates.



"They really showed me that they had the desire to win," Head Coach Naveed Nizam said.

The team went on to face Mishawaka at 7 p.m. at the Cavemen's home court in the championship game to decide who would advance to the state championship.

Losing 15-13, 15-0, the Cavemen halted the Mustangs' state dreams.

"It was a disappointment because our team was so talented," Talia Matury-Vacaro, sophomore, said. "We all played our best and put our all into that game. Unfortunately, it just wasn't enough to pull off the win."

Although the girls couldn't reach their desired destination of State, they accomplished and surpassed many of their goals with their run.

## Slap Happy

Through a tunnel of freshmen and JV players, Gina Bassetto, junior, runs to give Head Coach Naveed Nizam a high five. Before every game the 12 varsity members joined her in this ritual. "Believing in these extra special things has really helped our team succeed this year," Gina said.





## Like a Broken Record

Rarely would setter Margaret Schaum, senior, attempt a spike. Instead, she used her talents to give the perfect sets to her strikers.

With 759 assists Schaum broke the old Mustang season assists record. Schaum received the MVP award, Second Team All Conference and Honorable Mention All Area. Head Coach Naveed Nizam's coaching techniques helped the setter achieve the milestone.

"Coach Nizam helped me by showing me the right form," Schaum said. "He also spent extra time at practice with me one-on-one."

Hard work and dedication helped Schaum to constantly set her teammates up for the kills.

"I worked really hard during the year and it obviously paid off," Schaum said. "It made me happy when I saw the results of my hard work."

The team's will to win propelled them to the sectional championship. They overcame all

expectations by stepping up in the end and falling only one game short of the State Finals.

## Academic Antics

With late-night practices, games on school nights and homework stacking up as the day went on, many athletes found it difficult to finish their homework in time and still manage to excel in school and in their sport.

Senior volleyball players Amanda Salinas and Stephanie Gill did both, earning Lake Athletic Conference (LAC) Academic Team as well as LAC First Team All Conference recognition.

"I prided myself in things I did on and off the volleyball court," Gill said. "This award was one way in which my work paid off and recognition was received for what I accomplished."

Seniors earned this honor by playing in at least 50 percent of varsity contests, having a minimum 1010 SAT score and a minimum 3.2 GPA, according to Ms. Karen Leeth, Athletic Director.

## Volleying for Spirit

After making a sideout at Regionals Oct. 30 in Mishawaka, seniors Stephanie Gill and Margaret Schaum encourage their team to keep pushing towards the victory. "Keeping spirits and morale up was a very important part of sports," Schaum said. "You had to stay positive. It effected your mindset, and if you got down on yourself, the whole team did, too."

## Senior Celebration

Hugging Coach Donald Fortner, Business Department Chair, Rachel Merkel, senior, receives gifts from her fellow teammates for Senior Night. "The gifts were very creative this year," Merkel said. "They personalized each one, and the girls were very original about it. No one senior got the same gift. Everyone received something different, which made it more fun to accept."

## Varsity

17-19

### 7-4 Conference

Valparaiso 14-16, 15-13, 13-15  
 Chesterton 14-16, 11-15  
 Lowell 15-8, 12-15, 15-6  
 Morton 5-15, 15-17  
 Hobart 15-4, 15-11  
 Clark 15-10, 15-12  
 Bishop Noll 15-12, 9-15, 7-15  
 Gavitt 15-13, 15-17, 15-11  
 North Newton 8-15, 9-15  
 Joliet Catholic 12-15, 5-15  
 Portage 15-10, 15-8  
 Griffith 15-11, 15-8  
 Hammond High 15-3, 15-5  
 Cathedral 4-15, 1-15  
 Burrus 4-15, 1-15  
 Peru 15-6, 15-13  
 Pendleton Heights 11-15, 10-15  
 Edison 15-12, 15-0  
 Whiting 15-9, 4-15, 15-5  
 Calumet 15-3, 14-16, 15-2  
 Highland 15-12, 7-15, 8-15  
 Valparaiso 15-12, 15-17, 10-15  
 LaPorte 15-13, 15-9  
 Mishawaka 3-15, 8-15  
 Highland 12-15, 4-15  
 Andean 15-11, 10-15, 12-15  
 Lake Central 15-8, 6-15, 6-15  
 Huntington North 16-18, 11-15  
 Lake Central 15-13, 15-9  
 Southwood 10-15, 3-15  
 Northridge 7-15, 8-15

### Sectionals

East Chicago 15-1, 15-2  
 Gary West Side 15-4, 15-4  
 Highland 15-12, 15-13

### Regionals

Merrillville 15-13, 9-15, 17-15  
 Mishawaka 13-15, 9-15

## Junior Varsity

18-9

### 11-1 Conference

Valparaiso 6-15, 12-15  
 Chesterton 15-8, 18-16  
 Lowell 15-11, 16-14  
 Morton 15-5, 15-2  
 Andean Tourney  
 Lafayette Harrison 14-16, 9-15  
 Marquette 15-8, 15-8  
 Highland 15-11, 15-12  
 Andean 15-9, 9-15, 5-15  
 Hobart 15-8, 15-5  
 Clark 9-15, 15-11, 15-11  
 Crown Point 6-15, 15-11, 9-15  
 Bishop Noll 1-15, 15-9  
 Gavitt 15-11, 11-15, 15-3  
 Michigan City Tournament  
 Michigan City 10-15, 6-15  
 Marquette 1-15, 13-15  
 Penn 15-6, 12-15, 10-15  
 Griffith 15-9, 15-3  
 Hammond 15-1, 15-0  
 Lake Station 15-2, 15-7  
 Whiting 15-9, 15-2  
 Calumet 15-7, 15-2  
 Highland 15-4, 9-15, 15-13  
 Andean 15-17, 9-15  
 Lake Central 15-4, 14-16, 14-16  
 Conference JV Tournament  
 Clark 15-13, 16-14  
 Lowell 15-11, 16-14  
 Gavitt 15-13, 15-7

## Freshman

12-6

Bishop Noll 0-2  
 Lake Central 0-2  
 Andean 0-2  
 Merrillville 2-1  
 Hammond Clark 2-0  
 Valpo 2-1  
 Hammond High 2-0  
 Clark 2-1  
 Bishop Noll 2-0  
 Highland 2-0  
 Portage 0-2  
 Crown Point 2-1  
 Hobart 2-0  
 Gavitt 2-0  
 Highland 2-0  
 Calumet 2-0  
 Lowell 2-0  
 Whiting 2-0

Girls' Volleyball  
 First Team LAC: Gill, Salinas



## Making the Kill

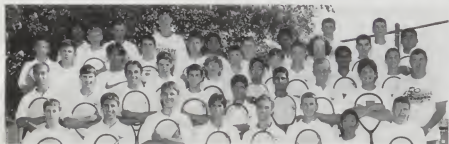
In an effort to spike the ball on his opponent, David Young, junior, reaches high to make contact at Community Park. The team lost their homecourt advantage when the renovation of 10 new courts uprooted them to Community Park.



## Waiting to Exhale

To help calm himself before the return, Andrew Schumacher, junior, takes a deep breath and readies himself for the start of the match against Griffith Sept. 14. Different methods of relaxation helped to relieve stress and tension at the start of matches.

**Varsity Boys' Tennis** (front row) Jeff French, David Young, Ryan Bulan, Bill Gray, David Culberg, Zack Jones, Mike Lee, Brad Lipton (second row) Adam Cohen, Chris Baut, Kyle Maloney, Andrew Schumacher, Brian Kanade, Ankur Bhatt, Jim Hamblin, Gabe Culberg, Coach David Knish (third row) Dan Kohnen, Roger Shieh, John Keplinger, Jon Friedman, John Castor (fourth row) Justin Ionita, John Kutas, Tim Smaron, Tedi Vlahu, Adam Spungen, Adam Tepper, Keith Sorrels, Gregg Sorrels, Deb Sandi, Adam Rothschild, (fifth row) Shajuddin Quadri, Tim Platek, Nate Burchfield, Chris Carlos, Ben Oprinovich, Deepam Rusla, Tom Dwaes, Joey Manderino, Joe Fray, Matt Guanzon



# Aces wild

After dominating the courts at Sectionals, Regionals and Semi-State, the tennis team comes up short as they bring home 4th place at the State Finals

## Serving the Way to State

Waves of excitement and pride came over the team as they won both Sectionals and Regionals during the season. Their boasting privileges continued when they headed down to Indianapolis to compete in the State Finals.

"The boys worked really hard to prepare for Regionals and Sectionals," Coach David Knish, Westlake teacher, said. "They were mentally focused and experienced. When it was time for State, they were completely ready."

The tables turned when they lost to Center Grove 4-1 in the first round match at State, Oct. 16 in Indianapolis. Homestead also defeated the Mustangs 3-2 in the third place match. Receiving fourth place surprised the team as they finished in that slot for the second straight year.



"We felt like we should have won State, but there were tough teams we couldn't overlook," David Culberg, junior, said.

Even with another fourth place finish, satisfaction and pride remained in the team as they could still call themselves Conference, Sectional, Regional, and Semi-State Champions.

## Make Room for More

Packing up their balls and rackets, the tennis team scooted down to the other side of the school. The construction of 10 new tennis courts forced them to leave their original turf and play in Community Park for the entire season.

"Everyone was really excited about the new facilities," Coach Knish said. "We were basically uprooted from our courts and had to play in Community Park, but we had to be patient."



### Sky-High

Aggressively reaching for the ball, co-captain Bill Gray, senior, leaps to make a serve during a match against Highland. "Because Highland was our rival, it felt good when we defeated them, 4-1," Gray said. "Everyone knew we had to beat them so we all played our hardest."

### Words From the Wise

With little time left before the start of the match, Head Coach David Knish, West Lake teacher, gives advice to the tennis team. Pep talks before a match helped to pump the team up and ready them for their battle.



The new courts, along with new lights, ran from the North parking lot to Columbia Avenue.

"The courts were ready for the spring tennis season," Knish said. "The girls' team was lucky because they were the first to use them."

With 10 new courts, the future Mustangs will attempt to fulfill the expectations set forth by the team's two consecutive State appearances.

### Practice Makes Perfect

With minor details such as the construction of the new courts holding the team back, the boys sprang forward in other ways to show off their profound feats of strength.

"Our biggest strength was depth because there were a lot of good players, but what held us down was the lack of competition in the area," co-captain Ryan Bulan, senior, said.

Another weakness that the team faced included their over-confidence.

"In some matches, we kind of became too convinced that we would win the match," Jeff French, sophomore, said. "But most of the time we corrected our mistake before it was too late."

Striving to achieve their ambitions, players still kept up their ambitions and a winning attitude toward each other.

"My favorite part of the season was not only winning and being ranked high in the state but also being around my teammates, which to me seemed all like a second family, because we were close," David Young, junior, said.

Starting with suicides in the blazing August summer and ending with the raising of a fourth place trophy, the hard work of the team paid off with a trip to Indianapolis for the State Finals.

## Boys' Tennis First Team All State: Bulan, Gray, French

### Varsity

21-2

### 6-0 Conference

Hobart 5-0  
Valparaiso 4-1  
Lowell 5-0  
North Central Invite  
7th  
South Bend Clay  
Invite: 1st  
Lake Central 5-0  
Calumet 5-0  
Andean 5-0  
Griffith 5-0  
Morton 5-0  
Highland 4-1  
Penn 4-1  
LaPorte 5-0  
Crown Point 4-1

### Conference

Hammond 5-0  
Lowell 5-0  
Highland 4-1

### Sectionals

Bishop Noll 5-0  
Morton 5-0

### Regionals

Gavit 5-0  
Highland 5-0

### Semi-State

Fairfield 5-0  
Mishawaka  
Marian 4-1

### State

Center Grove 1-4  
Homestead 2-3

### The Right Flight

After making contact with the ball, Emily Stemer, junior, follows through and watches the ball's flight. "Every time we played in a meet and invitational, I felt as if my swing was getting stronger," Stemer said.

### Eyeing the Ball

Checking the undulation of the green to determine the best path for the ball, Therese Dristas, senior, sizes up her putt at Lake Hills Golf Course, against Bishop Noll. "Before every putt I was totally concentrated on trying to read the green to find out which way it would break," Dristas said.



# Hit or Miss

Battling through tough start, Girls' Golf Team comes close to evening out their record by end of season

### Close Call

Anticipation mounted as the Girls' Golf Team stood on the ninth green at Lake Hills Golf Course in St. John, awaiting the final results of their tight match against rival Crown Point. The first four players from both teams had already turned in their scores, meaning that in order to change the fate of the meet, the fifth players needed to display last minute heroics.

"Everyone thought that we had won," Coach James Davidson, Industrial Technology teacher, said. "The other team was really upset. Some girls were standing on the side crying."

The expressions on the Crown Point players' faces quickly changed from disbelief to jubilation when Crown Point's fifth player finished the nine holes with a 49, changing the outcome.

"Nobody expected it to happen," Emily Montgomery, sophomore, said. "It was not our best meet, but it was definitely

our most exciting ever. Before we lost, when we thought we were going to win, Crown Point was devastated. Then, when we ended up losing, we were devastated. I thought that was an odd turn of events. There is no question about it, I don't think that any of us will ever forget that day."

Losing by three strokes, the team shot a 197, their fourth best score in a dual meet. Even though they suffered the defeat to the Lady Bulldogs, they improved against Crown Point,

### Going the Distance

In full swing, Erin Egnatz, senior, drives on the first tee. "My driving wasn't very strong this year," Egnatz said. "I made a few swing changes over the summer, and although they helped certain aspects of my game, my driving fizzled, and I didn't know why."

**Varsity Girls' Golf** (front row) Jennifer Lee, Raechelle Medellin, Katie Austgen, Richelle Medellin, Emily Montgomery (back row) Katie Paliga, Erin Egnatz, Therese Dristas, Emily Stemer, Gina Puntillo, Head Coach James Davidson



### Practice Tee

Between practice shots, Jennifer Lee, sophomore, receives tips on her swing from Head Coach James Davidson, Industrial Technology teacher. "Coach Davidson was always there, and willing to help any of us out with anything we needed," Lee said.

### Varsity

7-9

Portage 200-210  
Marquette 198-186  
Kankakee Valley  
Invite 7<sup>th</sup>  
Rensselaer Invite  
10<sup>th</sup>  
Penn 428-344  
Marquette 428-365  
Lake Central 428-356  
Chesterton 196-251  
Marquette Invite  
9<sup>th</sup>  
Crown Point 197-194  
Valparaiso 200-172  
Wheeler 191-257  
Merrillville 217-194  
Lakeland Central 210-186  
Hanover Central  
206-266  
Lowell 204 237  
LaPorte Invitational  
14<sup>th</sup>  
Bishop Noll 191-266  
Kankakee Valley  
199-227

### Girls' Golf Regional qualifier: Egnatz (88)

Sectionals  
5th

whom they lost to last year by 16 shots.

### Leader of the Pack

Hoping for the entire team to advance to Regionals, captain Erin Egnatz, senior, played her hardest to attempt to carry her team even though some aspects of her game faltered.

"I was kind of disappointed about my actual score," Egnatz said. "I wasn't playing well that day, my swing didn't seem to be clicking. Because of that, I was delighted to advance."

The team's fifth place finish left them two spots behind the third place qualifying barrier. However, Egnatz shot an 88 and grabbed fourth place, good enough to move on as an individual to Regionals for the third consecutive year.

"The week before Regionals, I was afraid that my swing was still broken, so I spent countless

hours after school practicing so I would be ready," Egnatz said. "I knew the competition was going to be tough, but I thought I was ready."

When Regionals rolled around, the team gathered together to support her. They decorated her locker, bought her a card, and gave her a blue ribbon that said "I'm a winner."

"Emily (Montgomery, sophomore) and Katie (Paliga, sophomore) came out to the course to wish me luck before I started," Egnatz said. "Emily gave me a card, and I cried because I knew it might be my last time that I would be competing in high school."

Egnatz shot a 45 on the front nine, which placed her in the middle of the pack. She battled back on the back nine with a 41 but still fell two strokes short of a playoff for the last qualifying spot and a trip to the state finals.





Varsity Girls' Soccer (front row) Val Porras, Becky Maynard, Meaghan Lober, Jenny Sharp, Lindsey Serna, Angela Meyers, Lauren Eidam (second row) Kristen Shelton, Diana Santay, Kiley Wallace, Stephanie Schrage, Lisa Basil, Jessica Oprinovich, Erin Talabay, Annie Domasica (third row) Coach Tim Sopko, Sarah Lettelt, Head Coach Donna Sopko, Kristal Markovich, Lisa Murray, Karla Bales, Coach John Fekete, Julie Morris, Coach Valerie Pflum



JV Girls' Soccer (front row) Sonal Gupta, Laura Gabrys, Kara Ford, Mary Lettelt, Nikki Williamson, Hannah Lodge, Sophia Blakeley (second row) Emily Yttri, Lindsey Baranowski, Lindsey Holajter, Diana Santay, Peach Roman-Lagunas, Lauren Treasure, Lydia Carle, Jamie Korey (third row) Head Coach Donna Sopko, Coach Tim Sopko, Desiree Royal, Kristen Shelton, Evy Watterson, Brittany Stasiak, Saralyn Feinberg, Coach John Fekete, Coach Valerie Pflum

## Driving Force

With her arms tucked deep into her long sleeve shirt, Lauren Eidam, sophomore, dribbles the ball between two defenders on her way to the goal. "My position was right forward," Eidam said. "Basically, my job was to score the goals."



# Close at hand

Entering as Conference Champs, Red Dogs become first Girls' Soccer Team to advance to Regionals, but a 2-0 loss to Andream ends team's dream season

## Special Superstitions

Standing in the locker room before every game of the season seemed routine enough until Kiley Wallace, senior, adopted a ritual to help her pre-game performance.

"I didn't have any superstitions at the beginning of the season, but (coach) Tim (Sopko) gave the seniors Beanie Babies," Wallace said. "I received a little red dog, and from then on I would kiss it before and after the game. It worked until our Andream game when I didn't do it, and we ended up losing."

Others had their own unusual methods to reach out to their fellow teammates.

"Starting with our first Highland game, I wrote a motivational letter to the team and we would get on the field in a circle and read it

together," captain Annie Domasica, senior, said.

Rituals on the team ranged all the way from serious letters to lighter events such as humorous games.

"Lauren Eidam and I would always bring radios so we could do a little dance before the game by presetting our radios to the same station," Stephanie Schrage, sophomore, said.

Superstitions helped players achieve victory easier and offered a way to deal with team stress.

## Vindicating Victory

Coming off a 4-2 Sectional victory over their

## Emphatic Embrace

Crying on the shoulder of Jenny Sharp, junior, Captain Annie Domasica, senior, hugs her after their victory against Highland, 1-0. "We thought Highland was our Christmas," Domasica said. "We played our hearts out so we knew we deserved the present."





### Watchful Eye

Bundled up in senior Sarah Lettelt's jacket, Angie Meyers, sophomore, keeps warm while watching the field. JV players followed their varsity teammates after their own games.



### Tenacious Desire

Staying one step ahead of her Highland opposition, Stephanie Schrage, sophomore, helps the team to the Highland victory on the way to the postseason. "Being the first Girls' Soccer team to win Sectionals was great," Schrage said.

### Just for Kicks

Deep within the goalie box, Jenny Sharp, junior, kicks the ball as far down the field. Sharp's talents earned her First Team All Conference honors for the season.



### Varsity

14-5

### 6-0 Conference

Morton 12-0  
St. Joe 0-5  
Logansport 7-0  
Bishop Noll 7-1  
Portage 3-0  
Andean 3-1  
Chesterton 0-4  
Kankakee Valley 11-0  
Valparaiso 1-2  
Lowell 7-0  
Lake Central 4-0  
Merrillville 6-0  
Hobart 3-1  
Griffith 1-0  
Highland 1-0  
Crown Point 0-1

### Sectionals

Lake Central 1-0  
Highland 4-2

### Regionals

Andean 0-2

### Junior Varsity

5-7-1

Bishop Noll 14-0  
Portage 0-5  
Andean 0-8  
Chesterton 0-4  
Kankakee Valley 3-2  
Valparaiso 0-0  
Lowell 6-0  
Lake Central 0-3  
Merrillville 1-0  
Hobart 2-0  
Griffith 1-4  
Highland 1-7  
Crown Point 0-1

## Girls' Soccer

First Team All State: Domasica; All State Honorable Mention: Wallace

rival Highland, the Red Dogs tried to focus their goals on the Regional title against Andean, whom they beat 3-1 during the regular season.

"I thought we had a very good chance of winning Conference and Sectionals," Coach Donna Sopko said. "We set those goals at the very beginning of the year."

"We were excited because we were the first soccer team to win Conference," Domasica said.

The girls ended up falling to Andean 2-0 in Regionals, the farthest the Girls' Soccer team had ever advanced in their history.

### Dominating 'Dogs'

Hustling down the field to score against their deadly opponent, Andean, Becky Maynard, senior, rushes to kick the ball past the goalie.

"Our best game was definitely our first game

against Andean," Maynard said. "We had to win to stay in contention for the Conference championship. It was at home and we had a ton of fan support, so I knew we would win."

"Andean and Highland were our best games because we came out strong," Coach Sopko said. "They were our challenges for Conference so we really had to play them tough."

Close rivalry allowed for the most dramatic games, as well as the most important ones.

"Both of the best games we played were definitely against Highland," Lauren Eidam, sophomore, said. "We were really pumped up and we were out to get them."

Playing tough allowed the team to advance past the sectional round, forcing Coach Sopko to honor her promise of a tattoo, which took form in the shape of a small soccer ball on her ankle.

### Tough "D"

Chasing down his Crown Point adversary Sept. 13, Dennis Trelinski, junior, attempts to stop a chance for a Bulldog goal. The victory over Crown Point helped the team achieve a winning record (3-2-1) over Duneland Athletic Conference opposition.

### Point of Attack

As co-captain Ryan McMahan, junior, points out the action on the field during a rest, Coach Jim Prasopoulos, Westlake teacher, listens to his suggestions. With leadership from First Team All Conference and All Area standout McMahan, the team achieved an 11-6-2 season.



## Getting dirty

Upset victories over Portage, Highland pave way to success as team posts first double digit win season since 1996; comes within one goal of Sectional championship

### Gutsy Performance

Two broken fingers did not stop a motivated Steve Pesich, senior, in an intense 3-2 victory over the Highland Trojans in Highland Sept. 14.

With 25 minutes left, a Trojan player kicked Pesich in the hand while making a save. Tommy Clark, sophomore, took over in goal and made some important saves as Pesich received treatment on the two broken fingers. He reentered with ten minutes left and scored the game-winning goal with six minutes remaining.

"We hadn't beat Highland in two years and it was like getting the monkey off our back," Steve Weck, senior, said. "It was a great win for us."

Clark finished the season in goal as Pesich continued to play forward, but Pesich injured himself in the sectional championship game

against Highland, which the team lost 3-2.

### Frenzied Fanatics

Chants of "Alligator, Alligator, Eat 'em up, Eat 'em up" filled the chilly October night as senior, Steve Persic and juniors Mike Boyle and Dan Anderson displayed "MHS" on their chests in red, black, and white paint in support of the second round sectional matchup against Griffith.

The atmosphere also affected the team as they defeated the Panthers 4-0 to advance to the sectional championship against Highland.

"They (Griffith) had beaten us earlier, and we had heard that they were talking bad about us the whole week," Steve Weck, senior, said. "We just wanted to come in and dominate. We were so pumped up for that game, and to have the crowd that we had there made it the best soccer



atmosphere I've ever played in."

The rowdy fans chanted "Ole, ole, ole, ole" after goals, which they lifted from cheering fans at World

Class soccer events in Mexico and Spain. Many of the wild spectators also imitated a Spanish announcer's famous "Gooooooooooooooooo" chant.

"I was surprised and excited about the fan turnout," Tom Zenos, senior, said. "It really motivated us to play well."

## Striking Down the Giant

Heading to Portage for a clash with the 10-0 Indians, the Mustangs knew that the struggle

### Direct Approach

Sliding to keep the ball away from the Crown Point opponent, Jay White, freshman, advances the ball upfield. White, along with Greg Pottorff, freshman, earned playing time on Varsity as freshmen to fill holes in the lineup.

against the Duneland Athletic Conference (DAC) champ would test their abilities.

"We wanted to get some respect, and what better way to get respect than to beat a team like Portage," Teruo Toyama, sophomore, said.

The Mustangs defeated the Indians 2-1 on a goal by Kevin Higgins, junior, off of a Ryan McMahan, junior, throw-in. With a win and a tie against two state-ranked teams, Portage and Valparaiso, the team gained faith that they could contend for a postseason title.

"The Portage win gave us confidence, because beating an undefeated team made us feel that we could hang with anyone," Toyama said.

The win catapulted the Mustangs to an 11-6-2 season that included a Sectional Championship appearance and a 6-3 conference record.



(front row) Greg Pottorff, Teruo Toyama, Kevin Higgins, Tommy Clark, Joe Rogan, Alex Ridgeway, Jason White (second row) Dennis Trelnski, Ryan McMahan, Steve Pesich, Steve Weck, Joe Flores, Denis Luwe (back row) Coach Greg Hobby, Nick Varinac, Nemanja Djorovic, Jovica Skoric, Nikola Djorovic, Jim Bohling, Head Coach Jim Prasopoulos



(front row) Mark Strick, Adam Staube, Arthur Insuranga, Karl Spork, Cony Greeny, Marcos Campos (second row) Austin Ridgeway, Jon Kocis, Jeff Furticella, Justin Gullota, Mike Cronin, Robbie Collins, Greg Bales (back row) Coach Greg Hobby, Aaron Cheek, Josh Bradish, Chris Newcomb, Josh Lipton, Mike Stoffregen, Bryan Cheek, Head Coach Jim Prasopoulos



### Using His Head

To clear the ball away from the goal, Nemanja Djorovic, sophomore, leaps over the Crown Point player to "head" the ball downfield. The Mustangs' victory over the Bulldogs 5-1 gave the team momentum for their 3-2 victory over Highland the following night.

### Varsity

11-6-2

6-3 Conference

Clark 16-0  
Gavit 11-0  
Valparaiso 1-1  
Griffith 2-3  
Chesterton 0-1  
Hammond 12-1  
Crown Point 5-1  
Highland 3-2  
Portage 2-1  
Hobart 1-1  
Lowell 3-0  
Morton 6-3  
Lake Central 6-1  
Andean 0-4  
Bishop Noll 1-3  
Merrillville 3-6

### Sectionals

Morton 5-1  
Griffith 4-0  
Highland 2-3

Boys' Soccer  
First Team LAC: McMahan, Pesich, Higgins, Rogan



## In Stride

With his focus only on the finish line, Mike Ristic, junior, runs at the Lemon Lake Invitational. "If we were not familiar with the terrain, we would go out a week early to practice there," Ristic said. "It helped visualize what we needed to do during a race."

## Extending Exercises

To ensure that his muscles would not cramp up while running, Ryan Beemer, senior, stretches before practice. "We stretched out 15-20 minutes before each meet," Beemer said. "We had a routine so we wouldn't pull anything and ruin our chances of winning."



# Making stride

First place finish at Clark Invite, ninth consecutive Regionals appearance highlight Cross Country season filled with steady improvement, team unity

## 'Stang Stampede

Beating the competition to the finish line, Shaun Blue, senior, leaves his mark at the Clark Invitational. Shaun and his fellow teammates left their opponents behind while they ran to a first place victory at the invitational.

In addition to coming in first, the meet ended up being one of their better meets of the season due to their excellent placement.

"The Clark Invitational was definitely the best meet of the year," Shaun Blue, senior, said. "We really had our act together there."

As Blue crosses the finish line puffing for air with his hands resting on his knees, he knew that the Clark Invitational would stand out as one of the best meets he had run in, and one that he would remember for a long while.

## Ready... Set... GO!

Ready to outrun the opposing team, Phil Santner, senior, warms up before their meet. As they get into a big circle, Santner joins the team in a circle for a pregame ritual.

"Before every meet we got into a big group, and we did a small chant before we went out onto the field," Santner said.

Chanting helped to draw the team together through their bonding experience. Because of the positive reinforcement, the team knew their superstitions raised overall morale.

"As my first year on the team I thought we did pretty well," John Keplinger, junior, said.

After the chant ended, Santner headed for the starting line, hoping that the team would add another strong finish to their record.



## Happy Hustle

In stride with their opponents, Kyle Hathaway, junior, and Shaun Blue, senior, race toward the finish at Gavit. "We were a small team, so we were all good friends," Hathaway said.

Boys' Cross Country (front row) John Keplinger, Gadeir Abbas, Dustin Moriarty, Brett Stewart, Jeff Cook, Richie White (back row) Head Coach Aaron Brown, Phil Santhier, Kyle Hathaway, Shaun Blue, Mike Ristic, Ryan Beemer



## Racing Results

Standing with Coach Aaron Brown, Wilbur Wright Middle School teacher, and the Highland coach, Shaun Blue, senior, views his time after the race. "I usually tried to check the times to figure out placement, and to see how I did individually," Blue said.

### Varsity

4-6

### 4-1 Conference

Lake Central,

Crown Point 3rd

Gavit Invite

4th

Crown Point 3rd

Rebel Invite

8th

Clark, Bishop Noll

2nd

Lowell, Calumet 2nd

Griffith, Gavit 1st

Lowell Invite

2nd

Highland Invite

6th

Kankakee Valley

Invite 2nd

Clark Invite

1st

### Conference

2nd

### Sectionals

3rd

### Regionals

7th

Boys' Cross Country  
First Team LAC: Blue, Hathaway

## Donkey Differences

Planning their float design for Homecoming, the cross-country team gathers in Shaun Blue's garage to prepare for the Homecoming Day parade. The team shared several experiences while completing their unique project.

"We got the idea for the float from visiting one of our past members in college," Chris Koschnitzsky, junior, said. "Later, we saw the phrase 'Love donkeys, don't punch them' on a bathroom wall, so that was what we based our theme for the Homecoming float on."

Once they decided on the theme, building the float became the task at hand.

"We only spent about 3-4 weeks working on the float because we started late, and most days we were there until 11 or 12 at night,"

Koschnitzsky said. "When we were working that late it got really cold at night so the spotlight we used to light the float was really warm so we called it 'the sun.' Also, this time we didn't run out of flowers for the float, so we didn't have to use newspaper and then spray paint it."

Staying until late in the night gave the team a chance to bond and get to know each other which helped to bring a family feeling from off the field onto the field during meets.

"Building the float for Homecoming was pretty fun because it united the team and brought us together as a whole," Phil Santhier, senior, said.

As the parade finally rolled around, the team hopped on their homemade "donkey" float with Kyle Hathaway, junior, sitting on top dressed as Don Quixote to complete their traditionally unusual theme for the parade.

## The Final Score

After completing a race at Oak Ridge Prairie, Jenny Yamtich, junior, discusses the meet with Head Coach Darlene Shike. Runners checked their times with Coach Shike after meets to find out how the team placed.



## Around the Bend

In an attempt to reach the finish line, Laura Dunn, junior, makes a turn around a tree. "Sometimes we were exhausted," Dunn said, "but we always just kept on going."



(front row) Carolyn Mariner, Amy Adoba, Katy Stine, Nikki Williamson (back row) Laura Dunn, Lillian Vega, Amy Blue, Caroline Camp, Jenny Yamtich, Head Coach Darlene Shike

# Final check

Togetherness, spirit, dedication lead girls to 6-4 record, first Regional appearance in four years, as two runners advance to Semi-State with top 15 finishes at Regionals

## Running Down A Dream

Out of breath with sweat dripping from their faces, Amy Blue, junior, and Katy Stine, sophomore, embraced each other after learning that they both qualified for Semi-State.

"It was all pretty intense, since this was the first time we made it to Regionals in four years," Blue said. "It was a nice surprise to find out that I had actually came in 15th, and qualified for Semi-state along with Stine. We practiced really hard, checking out the course before the actual race, and we had a really great time."

With Blue finishing 15th, and Stine placing 7th at Regionals, they both advanced to Semi-State at New Prairie. Stine ended the season as the Most Valuable Player, while Blue gained the Pride, Hustle and Desire award. They both

earned First Team All Conference honors.

## Prehistoric Animals

With smiles on their faces, the Girls' Cross Country Team gathered together before their meet and sang at the top of their lungs words that the spectators could barely follow.

The girls had a less conventional way to get warmed up before their meets. Instead of just stretching and doing small exercises, they exercised their spirit as well.

"We always sang our 'Prehistoric Animals' song that we wrote before each meet and sometimes while we were running," Laura Dunn, junior, said. "The song talked about things that we all liked and helped us to get psyched up and ready before our meets."

The whole team's spirit didn't just stop on the





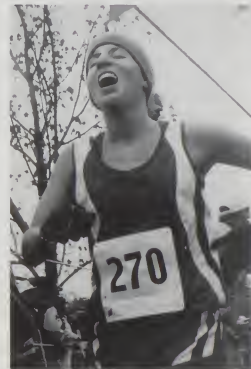
### Follow the Leader

Focused forward, junior Amy Blue leads sophomores Katy Stine and Jeni Shike at a meet at Oak Ridge Prairie. "It was cool when we all ran close by each other," Blue said. "It made us really feel like a team."



### Braving the Elements

As she nears the finish line, Katy Stine, sophomore, pushes herself to the limit for a better time on a cold, October day. Wearing a hat and gloves, like Stine, helped keep the girls warm while they were running.



#### Varsity

6-4

#### 4-2 Conference

Crown Point, Lake

Central 3rd

Gavit Invite

5th

Crown Point,

Hanover Central,

Lowell, Gavit

2nd

T.F. South Invite

11th

Bishop Noll, Clark

1st

Lowell, Gavit 2nd

Griffith, Gavit 1st

Lowell Invite

4th

Highland Invite

11th

Clark Invite

6th

#### Conference

5th

#### Sectionals

5th

#### Regionals

8th

Girls' Cross Country  
First Team LAC: Blue, Stine

field. Besides singing their song to get psyched up for meets, many team members, like Dunn, decided to show support for fellow team members during school. They showed their spirit by dressing in their running uniforms and wearing signs encouraging their fellow teammates for Semi-State.

"I don't think we could have made it through the year without our team song and enthusiasm for the sport and one another," Dunn said.

Whether it was on the field, in the school or during practice, the team stuck together, supported each other, and had lots of fun and spirit to show to everyone.

### Nothing Left To Do But Run

Everyday for three months, a pack of nine girls would set out on the streets of Munster for

practice, rain or shine. With the sweat pouring down their faces, they braved the blazing summer heat and brisk fall winds to work toward their goal of victory.

With practices ranging in times from an hour to almost two hours in length, and the girls running five miles a day, their practices remained rigorous throughout the entire season.

"Sometimes the practices got tough, but we always had fun on our Friday practices," Jillian Vega, sophomore, said. "Everyone was always in a good mood and ready to run. We all loved running and most of us even dedicated time outside of practices to fine-tune our skills."

All their dedication and hard work showed as the team had two members who qualified individually for Semi-State, and the whole team who qualified for Regionals.



### netting the "w"

After the Sectional Championship victory over Roosevelt, 62-59, Aaron Jillson, senior, begins the tradition of cutting down the net. "The best part of playing any competitive sport was walking off the court knowing you were the better team," Jillson said.

### soft touch

Over the Gavitt defender, John Richev, senior, puts up a one-handed shot in the lane. As the second leading scorer on the team, Richev gave the 'Stangs a force in the post.

### controlling the board

Concentrating on the carom off the rim, Steve Cric, senior, boxes out his Gavitt opponent for rebounding position. The Mustangs beat Gavitt 70-59 with the help of 42 points from Aaron Jillson, senior.



### leading the charge

During the Mustangs' fourth quarter comeback against Hammond to win 78-73, Lake Athletic Conference Coach of the Year Dave Knish, Westlake teacher, calls out the defense. "Our kids never gave up and took that to heart all year long," Coach Knish said.

### lift off

Outjumping Highland senior Eric Beard, Josh Bochnowski, senior, tips in a miss during the five-point victory over the Trojans, 68-63. "Games like Highland provided us with the experience we needed going into Sectionals," Bochnowski said. "They taught us to remain calm and realize that every possession was key."



# cut above the rest

first sectional title in 11 years

Sectional title highlights season packed with thrilling victories and heart-stopping moments on way to school record 18 wins

## Cardiac Kids

"We believe...we believe...we believe" echoed throughout E.C. Central's gym as the players returned to the floor for the second half of the Sectional Championship against Gary Roosevelt. Small problem: Roosevelt dominated the first half and captured a 16-point lead at the half, 34-18.

As the Mustang fans continued to cheer the team on, Aaron Jillson, senior, walked towards the crowd and put his hands into the air in an effort to rile up the already raucous fans. On the first possession of the second half, he drilled a 22-foot three-pointer. Then they sank their jaws into the Panthers with a relentless press that forced a turnover leading to a Dave Luptak, senior, three to cut the lead to 10.

"In 50 seconds, we cut the lead in half," Head Coach Dave Knish, Westlake teacher, said. "Then our fans really got into it. Then I thought 'here we come, we're going to do it again.' When the gym erupted, I knew we could pull it off."

Outscoring Roosevelt 44-25 in the last 24 minutes, the Mustangs staged their largest comeback of a season filled with numerous come-from-behind wins to beat Roosevelt 62-59, for their first Sectional Championship since 1989. Jillson led the charge, scoring 18 of his 23 points in the second half to go along with 6 rebounds and 6 assists.

"The thought of us losing and us being seniors went through our minds, and we didn't want our season to end," Jillson said. "All it took was for Coach Knish to tell us that he believed in us. It didn't hurt to start the second half off with four steals."

Hundreds of rowdy fans stormed the court after the win to celebrate the victory with the team and to watch an occurrence seen very little in Mustang history: cutting down the nets.

## Hello Highland

With a valiant charge that would make even the Romans attack on the Trojans during the Trojan War look weak, the Mustangs turned a 45-30 Highland third quarter lead into a 68-63 victory, keeping the hopes of a Conference Championship alive.

As hot as the sun on a 100 degree August day, Highland senior Kevin Boyd nailed three three-pointers to lead the Trojans in the first half with 15 points for a 40-28 halftime lead.

"We knew he was going to come in and be a big factor for them," Jillson said. "He just got loose in transition on us. If we were going to come back, we knew we couldn't let him get good shots."

A Jillson three got the Stangs rolling, cutting the deficit to 12 midway through the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, center Brian Jablonski, senior,

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## Varsity 18-5

### 11-1 Conference

Merrillville 54-66  
Lowell 57-49  
Morton 68-60  
Chesterton 43-49  
Griffith 73-37  
Highland 51-56  
Clark 78-46  
Lake Central 68-49  
Bishop Noll 71-48  
Crown Point 74-69  
Gavit 70-59  
Griffith 58-55 OT  
Hammond 78-73  
Lake Station 90-46  
Whiting 66-43  
Calumet 83-71  
Highland 68-63  
Portage 88-86 OT  
Hobart 79-62  
Andean 69-83

### Sectionals

West Side 70-68  
Roosevelt 62-59

### Regionals

Merrillville 56-73

## Boys' Basketball

First Team LAC: Jillson, Richey, Bochnowski



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crashed onto the scene scoring all five of his points. With everyone contributing including the fans, the Mustangs won the second half battle 40-23.

"We couldn't have done it without the fans," John Richey, senior, said. "We had a job to do ourselves and for our fans. Without them we are just back in 'The Library.'"

After a loss to Highland earlier in the year, the Mustangs closed their already healing wounds with their win streak hitting 12.

"I think that the luck just went their way that night," Dave Luptak, senior, said about Highland Holiday Tourney loss to the Trojans. "That game was the turning point at which we finally came together and played like we knew we could."

The win over the rival Trojans kept hopes of a Conference title alive, which ended a week later with an 83-69 loss to eventual champion Andean.

### A-Bomb

With three seconds remaining and the score knotted at 55 in overtime, the Mustangs huddled as the coaches began to design an in-bounds play during the timeout. Everyone knew the play involved a shot for Munster's leading scorer, Jillson.

When Jillson grabbed the ball to throw it in, confused looks appeared throughout the gym. With a lob to Richey and a tip back to Jillson, Jillson found himself open behind the arc in the corner. As the buzzer sounded, the ball fell through the hoop quieting Griffith's fans and sending the Mustangs' into a frenzy. With a lay-up in the closing stages of the Regional loss to Merrillville, Jillson scored point 1,318, passing Bob Stout as the career scoring leader.

"The thought of breaking the record crossed my mind," Jillson said. "I didn't think I was going to get 25 points per game. Just for my teammates to get me open was incredible, because I didn't think I had a chance to break it. The big keys were us playing in the three postseason games and Bochnowski and Richey taking pressure off me by having a great offensive year."

Though his scoring average drew all the attention, Jillson also led the entire area in steals by more than one swipe per game.

"Offense wins games and defense wins championships," Jillson said. "Steals are all about hustle. It was not about staying after practice extra hours or how strong you were. It was all heart."

But according to Jillson, the team's accomplishments overpassed his individual ones.

"How far we came from the beginning of last year to our Regional loss was extraordinary," Jillson said. "Everyone contributed

to being one of the best teams to walk on Munster's court."

A player with 25-foot range and quick hands defensively made for a leader who took his team to their Sectional title and an 18-5 record.

### middle ground

In between two Roosevelt defenders, Brian Jablonski, senior, prepares to take the ball up strong to the basket. The Mustangs came back from 19 points down in the first half and a 34-16 halftime deficit to defeat the Panthers 62-59 to win their first Sectional Championship since 1989.

### Junior Varsity

15-5

### 12-0 Conference

Merrillville 35-41  
Lowell 38-26  
Morton 51-48  
Chesterton 48-53  
Griffith 46-33  
Highland 40-44  
Clark 52-32  
Lake Central 49-67  
Bishop Noll 35-33  
Crown Point 36-32  
Gavit 46-28  
Griffith 43-35  
Hammond 58-52  
Lake Station 47-31  
Calumet 38-25  
Whiting 43-26  
Highland 51-42  
Portage 41-66  
Hobart 47-38  
Andean 54-51

### Freshman

14-5

Merrillville 40-38  
Valparaiso 33-45  
Lowell 34-33  
Morton 43-18  
Crown Point 41-48  
EC Central 31-52  
Clark 43-11  
Hobart 49-18  
Bishop Noll 36-21  
Lake Central 37-40  
Griffith 39-52  
Hammond 47-45  
Lake Central 36-29  
Crown Point 49-33  
Whiting 42-15  
Calumet 59-47  
Highland 54-42  
Andean 54-45





## habitual winning

With their hands raised together, the Mustangs celebrate a victory. Victories came often this year as the 'Stangs won 18 of 23 games and captured a Sectional Championship.

**Varsity Boys' Basketball** (front row) Coach Jim Prasopoulos, Dave Luptak, Kurt Kril, Kevin Kutansky, George Colakovic, (second row) Head Trainer John Doherty, Coach Eric Olton, John Richey, Head Coach Dave Kiberty, Brian Jablonski, Coach Ed Strjbak, Coach Jim Davidson, (back row) J.E. Anthony, Milosh Stojanovich, Aaron Jillson, Josh Bochnowski, Steve Cinc

**JV Boys' Basketball** (front row) Asim Sheriff, Waheed Nassimi, Doug Quasny, Mike Rosen, (second row) Miodrag Jankovic, Andy Rebar, Head Coach Mike Cui, Greg Eckrich, Assistant Coach Ed Strjbak, Nate Burchfield, Adam Del Rio, (back row) Dan Kohnen, Tommy Clark, Allen Hill, Blake Larkins



## gaining control

Wrestling the ball away from Highland's Scott Linger, Josh Bochnowski, senior, grabs an offensive rebound. "No game was ever out of reach if we just came together as a team and played to our full potential," Bochnowski said.

## driving lane

To help lead the Mustangs' comeback against Highland, Aaron Jillson, senior, attempts a shot over Highland senior Kevin Boyd. Jillson started on Varsity for three years and obtained a career scoring average of 20.5 points per game setting the school scoring record with 1,318 points.



**Freshman Boys' Basketball** (front row) Jeff Harris, Daniel Alspach, Mike Helfen, Alex Pilawski, (second row) John Jamichik, Ricky Balkam, Tim Daugherty, Coach Jim Prasopoulos, Tim Phelan, Warren Santner, Tim Pialek, (back row) Jonathan Meacham, Mark Botterman, Nick Vrabel, Michael Kalina



# break on through

After 16-win regular season, Girls' Basketball Team leaves Sectional Championship one game away with one-point loss to West Side ending Coach Luksich's career

## Just Out of Reach

As the other players formed a line to congratulate the victorious Gary West Side Cougars, Susan Hay, senior, lay on the floor in tears, in disbelief on what had just occurred. With their first win against Gary Roosevelt, 95-27, and the loss to Gary West Side, 43-42, the Lady Mustangs missed the title, leaving the sectional crown within grasp.

"Our win against Roosevelt brought up our hopes for Sectionals and we thought we would go all the way," Lolita Christopher, junior, said.

The first win of the tournament led to high expectations for the girls and a good outlook for the long run in the tournament.

"After this game, I thought we had it all beat," Susan Hay, senior, said. "We were going to go all the way and finally bring home the win."

As the team moved on to the second game of Sectionals, they came out and grabbed the early lead. A stalling offense by the Mustangs in the final four minutes of the fourth quarter gave West Side the window of opportunity to snatch the lead.

"We played so well in the first half, but we got a little too tentative as the game went on," Susan said.

Up by nine points with four minutes left in the game, a comeback by West Side took the Lady Mustangs by surprise when the Lady Cougars took a one-point lead in the closing seconds. As the final shot clanged off the rim, the Lady Mustangs' dreams shattered with the 43-42 loss.

## Last Call

As a new season began, the starting five Lady Mustangs made their way out on the court for their final year. All five returning senior starters, in addition to the two substitutes, led the team.

After four years of playing together on the court, the girls not only built up a strength that guaranteed numerous victories year after year, but also a relationship that lasted all four years.

"We've been playing together for so long, and eventually the other teams began to lose their players but all of our Varsity players remained," Margaret Schaum, senior, said.

Under the leadership of a senior-dominated team, the girls used their strengths of cooperation and unity as a team to capture 17 victories, while only losing five.

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### Varsity

17-5

11-1 Conference

Kankakee Valley  
46-36  
Elkhart Central  
60-40  
Highland 51-58  
Crown Point 54-37  
Andrean 65-45  
Gary West Side  
54-56  
Lowell 54-46  
Morton 62-28  
Portage 51-59  
Clark 73-37  
Hammond 79-44  
Merrillville 57-29  
Bishop Noll 79-26  
Lake Central 66-44  
Gavit 62-36  
Griffith 56-43  
Lake Station 87-24  
Valparaiso 48-54  
Whiting 66-21  
Calumet 68-25

### Sectionals

Gary Roosevelt  
95-27  
Gary West Side  
42-43

## Girls' Basketball

First Team LAC: Hay, Gill, Merkell





### calling the shots

From the sidelines, Head Coach Greg Lukisch, WWMS teacher, yells the plays to the team. Coach Lukisch retired after nine years of coaching.

### stealing the show

Taking the ball from her Whiting opponent, Kiley Wallace, senior, sprints down the lane before her shot. Wallace led the team with a total of nine steals during the Whiting game.

### driving force

Taking the ball to the hoop, Amanda Salinas, senior, dribbles up the court past a West Side player. "The high post was a good position for me to be able to score," Amanda said.



### vale of tears

After hearing her name called, Susan Hay, senior, makes her way to center court while crying on Senior Night. "It was a really emotional night," Susan said. "It reflected four years of hard work and dedication."

### shoot for three

In order to tie the game against Gary West Side, Stephanie Gill, senior, shoots from behind the three-point line. "Whenever we played West Side, we needed all the points we could get and a three pointer really helped out," Stephanie said.

**Junior Varsity**

12-8

**6-4 Conference**Kankakee Valley  
39-29Elkhart 45-40  
Highland 20-30  
Crown Point 26-25  
Andrean 33-41  
Gary West Side  
44-21Lowell 35-24  
Morton 24-18  
Portage 42-45  
Twin Lakes 24-34  
Hanover 40-24  
Hammond 60-23  
Bishop Noll 38-50  
Lake Central 30-50  
Gavit 50-16  
Griffith 22-36  
Merrillville 48-31  
Valparaiso 41-45  
Calumet 41-29  
Whiting 29-18**Freshmen**

11-7

Valparaiso 34-23  
Highland 55-43  
Hobart 24-33  
Lake Central  
26-37  
Andrean 29-41  
Lowell 25-34  
Merrillville 31-48  
Crown Point  
44-35  
Morton 43-37  
Clark 49-17  
Portage 23-19  
Bishop Noll 19-15  
Highland 33-29  
Gavit 29-18  
Griffith 22-35  
LaPorte 44-37  
Gary West Side  
36-47  
Calumet 43-21

## break on through

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### Breaking Away

After the final buzzer rang, Head Coach Greg Luksich, WWMS teacher, walked on the court to console his awaiting team after their loss to Gary West Side. Because of a newly discovered heart condition and stress, Luksich decided to announce his retirement from the Girls' Basketball Team.

"It was a hard decision to make, but I thought the time was right," Luksich said.

Hoping to go out with a bang, Luksich brought his team up to a victorious first game of Sectionals, but the loss of the semifinal matchup to Gary West Side cut his dreams short of winning a state title.

"I wasn't disappointed that we lost, I was more than happy that we made it that far," Luksich said.

After nine years of coaching high school girls' basketball, Luksich made his mark on former players and other coaches in his successful career.

"I've known him outside of basketball and he had such a great knowledge of the game, but it was for the best because of all the personal reasons he has," Susan Hay, senior, said.

With the last goodbyes said, Luksich walked off the court with a sense of fulfillment and accomplishment of his last season producing 17 wins even with the early exit in Sectionals.

### A Born Star

Shouts rang from both the benches and stands as Susan Hay, senior, sank her record-breaking three-pointer at the Griffith game. As the ball slid through the hoop, team members and coaches screamed and jumped in excitement to congratulate the player on her new scoring record, once occupied by Ellen Blackmun, class of '90.

"At that point, I couldn't believe it happened," Susan said. "I knew I was close to the record, but I just got caught up in the moment and forgot for a moment that it was going to happen."

After leading the team in scoring, Susan's 996-point accomplishment broke the season scoring record, previously held 10 years earlier by Blackmun's record of 897.

With shouts of delight and a feeling of pride in herself at Griffith, Susan accepted her congratulatory applause as she took over a new spot in Mustang athletic history.

### on guard

Putting pressure on her West Side opponent, Rachel Merrell, senior, guards her while trying to carry out the press. "Defense was when we had to really play tough, even more so than offense," Rachel said.





## shoot 'em up

Weaving through the West Side zone defense, Susan Hay, senior, makes a lay-up and

draws a foul at the same time. Hay broke the school career scoring record with 996 points.



**Girls' Varsity Basketball** (front row) Susan Hay, Margaret Schaum, Amanda Salinas, Kiley Wallace (second row) Manager Patty Pfister, Coach Beth Vesa, Michelle DiCostanzo, Stephanie Gill, Rachel Merrell, Head Coach Greg Lukisch, Coach Mr. Aaron Brown (back row) Jillian Martin, Stephanie Schrage, Danielle Zagorski, Lolita Christopher



**Girls' JV Basketball** (front row) Ashley Jasevicius, Jen Hostetter-Wolak, Karen Lindemann, Lauren Ziemba (second row) Manager Patty Pfister, Amber LaReau, Chrissy DiCostanzo, Lindsay Puterko, Coach Beth Vesa (back row) Valerie Hauer, Erin Kolb, Lisa Pleiner, Courtney Mambourg



**Girls' Freshman Basketball** (front row) Megan Higgins, Gina Nuzzo, Amy Parker, Dawn Broelmann, Megan Coyne, Tammy Jones, Nicole Greger (back row) Amanda Studniarz, Ann-Marie Sands, Mirjana Lukich, Natalie Clippert, Coach Jennifer Lukich, Samantha Skaggs, Leah Merrell, Nikki Gauthier, Jill Sinchak



## cut and run

Carrying out the last step of the fast break, Kiley Wallace, senior, looks to pass to a teammate when playing West Side. "The fast break was our play whenever we could get a quick rebound and were able to get the ball down the court fast enough," Kiley said. "It gave us some easy points."

## keep away

Looking in the lane for an inside shot, Margaret Schaum, senior, brings back the ball for a pass at the West Side game. The Mustangs went 17-5.

## finger roll

In spite of the attempted block, Jillian Martin, sophomore shoots at the Lake Central game. "It was always good to shoot from the inside because you could be fouled easily," Jillian said.



# just making waves

## Thompson places second at State

Wooden horses, lucky water,  
State qualifiers bring excitement  
as swimmers finish 10th at State

### Knock on Wood

Upon arriving at an opposing team's pool, something strange came over the Boys Swimming Team. They chant, "Do it up, do it up, do it up," louder and louder, as they crowd around the pool. Every away meet began this way, but swimmers practiced many more unusual tactics for good luck.

"At all of our away meets we took a bottle of water from our pool to squirt into every lane of the other team's pool while we chanted for good luck," Sean Greenya, junior, said. "We just felt a little better bringing a little piece of our own pool with us, so we could swim as fast at away meets as we did at the ones at our own pool."

Besides blessing the pool, the boys also brought team mascots with them. Two wooden seahorses, both named Woody, followed the team almost everywhere trying to ensure more good luck.

"We took the Woodies everywhere for good luck," Joe Born, senior, said. "They were there to watch over us and just remind us never to let up."

After the meet was over, the boys felt a great deal of satisfaction as they headed into the locker room. Maybe all their hard work and dedication paid off and helped them have a good season, but maybe a little luck had something to do with it as well.

### Success at State

The smell of chlorine suffocated the cheering crowd and the boys took their marks. The buzzer sounded, and they sped off down their lanes.

Dave Ahlf, junior, first leaped into the Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis pool, followed by his relay teammates seniors Jim Rebesco and Matt Ibarra, and Dustin Thompson, junior. This team brought home second place at State in the 200-meter freestyle relay and also a fifth place in the 400-meter freestyle relay.

One member of this relay team, however, swam two more competitions while at State in Indianapolis. Thompson came in second in the 500-meter free race, and fifth in the 200-meter free. The team placed tenth overall at State Competition.

"State was really a very exciting experience for everyone," Thompson said, "We were a little disappointed to come in 10th place overall, but we still managed to overcome everyone's expectations of us, and we swam our hardest."

Despite placing lower than they expected at State, the boys captured their 15th consecutive Sectional title while gaining experience.

### deep thoughts

Concentration helped Dustin Thompson, junior, prepare for big meets. "Taking a pause helped me clear my mind before getting in the water," Thompson said.



### Varsity

- 12-1
- Penn 110-73
- Clark 132-24
- Munster Relays
- 3rd
- Valparaiso 127-58
- Elkhart 122-58
- Portage 106-79
- Hamilton Splash-
- Clash 2nd
- Highland Invite1st
- South Bend Riley
- 93.5-98.5
- Lake Central 79-106
- Lake Central 92-84
- Griffith 129-46
- Crown Point 105-75
- Merrillville 122-62
- Calumet 124-54
- Chesterton 109-77
- LaPorte 118-65
- Highland 107-76

### Sectionals

1st

### State

10th



### standing strong

After winning the 200 free relay at Sectionals, seniors Jim Rebesco and Matt Ibarra and juniors Dustin Thompson and Dave Ahlf take a stand. Their sectional victory paved the way for the second and fifth places they got at state.



### freeze frame

Soaring through midair, Andy Saliga, senior, takes a dive off of the board. Though they didn't practice as much as the swimmers, divers still had to work hard to train for meets.

### breathe deep

With a brief leap out of the water, Matt Ibarra, senior, takes a breath of air. Swimmers practiced hours every day to perfect their strokes.



### full speed ahead

Doing the breaststroke, Jim Rebesco, senior, races for the edge of the pool during Sectionals.

**Boys' Swimming** (front row) Matt Lewis, Ben Swift, Raymond Kasmark, Brandon Thompson, Karol Molnicki, Jake Brender, Dan Goutridge (second row) Steve Chovanec, Brad Farnsley, Kyle Bieda, Matt Mikels, James Olasebikan, Haig Huynh, Keith Demas, Diving Coach Chuck Chelich (third row) Dustin Thompson, Mike Mirabelli, Sean Greeniya, Kyle Wilbanks, Jim Hamblin, Mike Parich, Steve Bembenista, Dennis Trellinski, Assistant Coach Brandon McCarthy, Coach Mike Blaze, (last row) Dan Aldulescu, Joe Born, Matt Ibarra, Jim Rebesco, Andy Saliga, Steve Kuchar, Dave Ahlf

## grand finale

During the last leg of her 200 individual medley, Kelley O'Brien, freshman, swims the freestyle to reach her personal goal of 2 min. 55 sec. Freestyle, the last stroke she swam, often left O'Brien exhausted by the time she started.

## turning around

In the middle of a somersault ending in a dive, Nicole Rietmann, freshman, tucks her feet. "It was hard to get the timing right so you could pull out in time," Rietmann said.



**Girls' Swimming** (front row) Lisa Murray, Lisa Rietmann, Amanda Porta, Nicole Rietmann, Kelley O'Brien, Betty Hoyle (second row) Lisa Koscielski, Desiree Royal, Lauren Smith, Christina Guzik, Megan Schutz, Ariana Rebesco, Holly Grunewald, Erica Rangel, Monica Aldulescu, Jennie Johnson (third row) Sam Wantanapongse, Christie O'Brien, Suzie Butler, Leah Flick, Nicole Farnsley, Jessica Pasztor, Wanda Kolodziejczyk, Coach Shannon Gouwens, Coach Mike Stennis (back row) Danella Jaksich, Sheila Rane, Natalie Bieda, Jenny Lounsberry, Meaghen Lober, Coach Tina Schmidt-Lennertz



## just listening

To gain confidence for the second half of the Jan. 26 meet, Jenny Lounsberry, senior, listens to music as she watches divers perform during Senior Night. "It was really sad because I knew it was my last home meet with my team," Lounsberry said.

## head first

Grasping for a last breath before she hits the water, Danella Jaksich, senior, dives to start the backstroke during a practice. "The season" was much stronger than last year because we practiced almost every morning and afternoon," Jaksich said.



# one huge stretch

## Lounsberry sets breaststroke pool record

Months of practice to trim seconds off times leave Lady Seahorses only seconds away from their season goals, pool records

### Changing History

Pulling her hair into a swim cap marked with a seahorse before adjusting her goggles, captain Jenny Lounsberry, senior, prepared for her race. She then crunched into the starting position.

As the buzzer rang, Jenny dove into the pool. Beginning her breaststroke, she knifed in the water.

She came up from the water during the Dec. 16 meet and looked around, seeing her time, 1:08:27, beating her time from the previous year by .44 seconds setting a new pool record.

The previous record, set by Janna Pasztor in 1998, 1:08:71, gave her an incentive to do well. Lounsberry went on to place twelfth at State, scoring the only points for Lady Seahorses.

"I wished I would have beat my time from Portage, but I was still happy," Lounsberry said.

The old record hanging on Lounsberry's wall bears a constant reminder to her success.

### Experience Pays Off

Pieces of tree bark, painted red, adorned with ribbon and noisemakers, gave the crowd incentive to keep cheering during Senior Night, Jan. 26.

"We swam events that we wanted to swim instead of what we usually swam to make it more enjoyable for the seniors," Megan Schutz, sophomore, said. Chesterton, after gaining the lead, kept it, winning the meet 126-60.

"I think they did pretty well," Mr. Mike Stennis, assistant coach, said. "We had some nice individual swims. Chesterton has a deep team; we were just trying to wait for Sectionals."

Chesterton gained the victory, but rest paid off as the lady Seahorses won Sectionals, advancing, with colored noisemakers, to State.

### Starting Positions

Walking through the hallway in a pumpkin suit, Nicole Farnsley, junior, made her way to lunch.

"We were trying to get psyched up for Sectionals," Nicole said, struggling to sit.

Dressing up everyday the week before Sectionals to prove their loyalty to the team often gave the Lady Seahorses odd stares.

"Dressing up in Halloween costumes or formal dresses helped pump up our spirit and created more team unity," Christie O'Brien, junior, said.

Nicole's orange costume, although attention-getting, provided an outlet for her good luck ritual. Combined with kissing a lucky towel towel, it inspired the team to achieve their sectional title.

## Girl's Swimming

First Team LAC: Guzik, Lounsberry, Watanapongse, Rietmann

### Varsity

8-4  
Red and White  
83-99  
Penn 73-113  
LaPorte 125-61  
Highland 97-89  
Lowell 121-65  
Griffith 121-65  
Valparaiso 79-107  
Elkhart Central  
110-76  
Portage 113-73  
Hamilton Tri-meet  
2<sup>nd</sup>  
Lake Central  
60-126  
Highland Invite  
5th  
Crown Point 96-90  
Gavit 142-44  
Chesterton 60-126

### Sectionals

1st  
State  
44th





# a grip on dreams

## Hunt grasps fourth at State

Highlighting 20-8 season record, Hunt leads Wrestling Team as boys end 22- and 15-year losing streaks to Calumet, Lake Central

### Dream Chaser

As thoughts of standing on the podium in Conesco Fieldhouse at the State Wrestling Championship drove him to succeed and dominate throughout the season, Chris Hunt, senior, met his final challenges in Indianapolis.

After an offer to a wrestling clinic in kindergarten, Hunt never stopped doing what he loved. With 12 years of experience in wrestling, Hunt led the Wrestling Team in wins breaking the old school record with a final record of 42-4 for the season and 112 for four years. Hunt passed all expectations with a third place finish at Semi-State and fourth at State.

"I've been a leader, an example of what they could become," Hunt said. "I wasn't an athletic person and where I went showed them anything was possible if the time and effort was put into it."

While at State, Hunt did well in both the first and second matches, where he won 3-2 and 6-2. However, in the semi-finals, Hunt's rival, Fred Joseph of Portage, beat him for the third consecutive time this year. Joseph went on to take the title while Hunt lost his third-place match, 3-1 to his opponent.

"The vision of standing on the platform with the crowd cheering for me kept going through my head," Hunt said. "It was all I could think of."

Although he didn't take first place, Hunt's season turned into none other than a remarkable performance, according to Head Coach Jim Colias, WWMS teacher. He made it farther than last year, where he ended his run in Regionals due to an injury.

### Lasting Memories

As they walked out to the familiar red mats in the fieldhouse, the seniors knew in their hearts they would never compete there again. As the buzzer for each match went off, it resembled an omnipresent countdown to the last match for the seniors.

"It was very emotional for me," Marc Stojkovich, senior, said. "I knew that I would never wrestle on these mats again and that was very hard to accept."

Senior Night furnished the setting for the goals of the wrestlers to occur at any given moment. For the past four years, Hunt had worked toward a goal of 100 wins. Tuesday, Jan. 11, he achieved that dream and received the recognition.

On that Tuesday night in January, goals turned into new records for Hunt, and seniors celebrated their last meet despite their loss. As the final buzzer sounded to signal the last match, a chapter of their lives came to a close.

### two to tango

Tangled up in a wrestling move, co-captain Marc Stojkovich, senior, gets two points for his performance. Marc received the valor award and qualified for Regionals.

#### Wrestling

20-8

8-3 Conference

Highland 33-38  
Calumet 48-13  
Portage 10-49  
Huntington North 45-16  
E.C. Central 60-14  
Calumet 31-47  
Lake Station 41-29  
E.C. Central 51-23  
Lake Station 43-36  
Griffith 45-36  
Benton Central 34-43  
Lowell 21-50  
Boone Grove 57-22  
Andrean 49-30  
Gavit 63-13  
Hanover Central 66-17  
Bishop Noll 44-28  
Whiting 75-0  
Morton 55-15  
Griffith 50-27  
Boone Grove 64-18  
Merrillville 45-29  
Lake Central 31-26  
Lowell 30-31  
Griffith 52-19  
Highland 28-31  
Gavit 54-24  
Calumet 49-27

Conference  
3rd

Sectionals  
2nd

Wrestling  
First Team LAC: Stojkovich, Blue, C. Hunt, T. Hunt, Flores





### hooked on it

As his opponent tries to boost himself up off the mat, Joe Flores, junior, uses his strength to hook his arm under the opponent and make his move for a pin. "I improved on my wrestling this year, and I was really proud of my accomplishments," Joe said.

**Wrestling** (first row) Jawad Omery, Aaron Cameron, Justin Gulotta, Brian Hmurovich, Jaime Blakeley, Arthur Insurriaga, Karl Spork, Bilal Omery, Chuck Mamich, Victor Zerngast (second row) Tim Hunt, Mike Cronin, Chris Hunt, Marc Skojowich, Joe Flores, Dan Mize, Tom Mourkis, Jim Knight, Corey Greenya (third row) Coach Brian Clark, Joel Moosmiller, Jay Korczak, Tomio Toyama, Steve Kibler, Brian Lerner, Josh Sudbury, Shaun Blue, Bill Mucha, Jake Skelton, Bryan Washausen, Jeff Newcomb, Chris Herr, Coach Jim Colias, Coach Dan Gelarden (back row) Steve Steele, Jones-Pavisian, Zachary Lambert, Pat Scully, Mario Zerngast, Ashraf Abu-Aita, David Dziubczynski, Randy Hoyle, Nicholas Kakalos, Ben Rinderer, Lee Murphy, Nick Bularzik



### all wrapped up

With a specific move in mind, co-captain Chris Hunt, senior, positions himself to execute the tactic. Hunt also received the awards for Most Pins and Most Valuable.

### handling it well

After pinning an opponent, co-captain Josh Sudbury, senior, politely shakes his hand while the referee raises his arm signaling a win on Senior Night against Lowell. "A pin was, for me, the best way to end the season," Josh said.



# leaning on glory

7-6 Sectional Championship  
loss to Highland ends  
Mustangs up and down  
22-win season

## Top of the Charts

After beginning the year ranked sixth in state, a 7-0 start vaulted the Boys' Baseball Team to the top slot in the 4A standings April 19.

Even though their 3-2 loss to Kankakee Valley in the Mustang Classic gave the team their first loss, they stayed atop the charts for one more week until their 4-3 loss to Griffith. Two weeks at Number One taught the team some valuable lessons for the rest of the year.

### Sweet Swing

After hitting the ball up the middle for a base hit, Josh Bochnowski, senior, sprints to first. "I'd say my job was mostly to throw strikes and get people out when I pitched, but I liked knowing that I could help my own cause by driving in some runs," Bochnowski said.

"It really challenged us early in the season as to if we could handle the pressure," shortstop Dave Luptak, senior, said. "It helped

bring us together to play as a team."

Although the team tried not to think about the ranking, congratulations from fellow students allowed the team to realize their feat.

"I think being Number One helped us in a way," outfielder/pitcher Josh Bochnowski said. "It was more of a dream at first, but when it became reality, we actually started believing in ourselves and what could possibly be."

With six losses in the regular season, the team learned what it took to win a ballgame.

"You used the regular season to get through tourney time," Head Coach Bob Shinkan, geometry teacher, said. "Close wins and tough losses put us in situations that helped us in crucial postseason games because we had been in those tough spots before."

As players opened the Sports section of *The Times* and saw that they had reached the top of the 4A list, they congratulated each other for



### Strike Three

In an attempt to retire the batter, Jason Helbling, senior, stretches as he releases the pitch. Helbling led the team in batting average and runs batted in while also serving as the team's number two hurler.



### Cold Confidence

Giving instructions to the batter at the plate, Head Coach Bob Shinkan, geometry teacher, tries to remain warm during an early season game. At one game, snow even fell, causing the players to bring out their long sleeve shirts and stocking caps.

the feat but kept their focus on holding the top spot in mid-July after the season.

## Crunch Time

Staring their third consecutive loss straight in the face, the team realized they needed to step up to the plate before they went to bat down 1-0 in the top of the seventh against Chesterton.

Ron Barkowski, senior, ripped a lead-off base hit through the left side of the infield. To get more speed on the bases, Matt Koscielski, senior pinch ran for Barkowski. After Koscielski stole second and reached third on a sacrifice bunt by John Hanrahan, senior, Luptak grounded to the shortstop for what looked like the third out of the inning. Instead, the shortstop bobbled the ball allowing Koscielski to score on the error.

With the score tied at one, Kevin Kutansky advanced Luptak to second while reaching on an error, bringing up the second leading hitter

on the team, Mike Baniak, senior.

"When I was going up to the plate I wanted to continue the rally that was started," Baniak said. "We've been scratching for runs all year, and I wanted to take advantage of a rare scoring situation and put our team ahead."

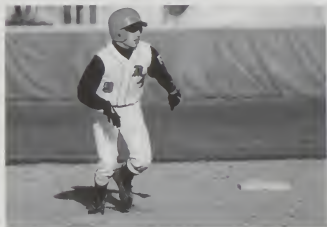
Baniak smashed a double to right-center field scoring Luptak and Kutansky, putting the Mustangs up 3-1. Bochnowski drove in Baniak with a single and then pitched a scoreless seventh to close off the come-from-behind win.

"The comeback win taught us how to win a ball game, and it showed that if we put our hearts into the game we could accomplish anything," pitcher Jason Helbling, senior, said.

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## Plate Crossing

Crossing home plate after a base hit, Dave Luptak, senior, scores another run against North Newton as Steve Mendoza, senior, waits to congratulate him before he steps up to the plate.



## Scoring Look

To try to score a run from second, Marc Stojkovich, senior, leads off and watches the pitch closely. Stojkovich recovered from disc surgery in his back to get Second Team All Conference honors.

## Rested Fireballer

Watching the game between innings, Jon Nourie, senior, waits for his turn to bat. Nourie pitched a no-hitter and struck out a school-record 19 batters against Merrillville, as Coach Shinkan earned his lifetime 300-victory. The Chicago Cubs drafted Nourie in the 38th round of the amateur draft.

## Varsity

22-7

## 10-2 Conference

River Forest 20-2

Griffith 9-8

TF South 12-8

Lowell 6-0

Morton 5-3

North Newton 22-4

Clark 2-1

Kankakee Valley 2-3

Hobart 6-2

Gavit 4-0

Bishop Noll 16-4

Griffith 3-4

Hammond 9-2

Whiting 13-3

Lake Station 15-1

Calumet 11-0

Highland 6-12

Andean 6-5

West Side 20-0

Crown Point 0-10

Morton 4-0

Andean 2-5

Highland 3-9

Chesterton 4-1

Merrillville 9-1

Lake Central 7-3

Valparaiso 9-2

## Sectionals

West Side 19-2

Highland 6-7

**Boys' Baseball**  
First Team LAC: Helbling, Nourie, Baniak



# leaning on glory

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## Extended Careers

As senior pitchers Jon Nourie and Jason Helbling took the mound, scouts with radar guns clocked and charted every speed and location of every single pitch.

With Nourie and Helbling receiving respective scholarships to Western Michigan University and Indiana State University to pitch, scouts often planted themselves behind the backstop to watch the talented young hurlers who did not get their talents naturally.

"It meant a lot to me to get a scholarship to ISU," Helbling said. "It showed that all the hardwork that I have put into baseball had paid off and will continue to pay off in the future."

Clocked in the low 90s, Nourie struck out 110 batters in 59 1/3 innings with a 1.52 ERA, landing him a Chicago Cubs' 38th round draft

pick in the amateur draft.

"I want to go through my three years of college at Western Michigan and then hopefully get drafted and go pro," Nourie said. "Then I want to finish off my other two years of college in the offseason to get my degree and then ultimately make it to the major leagues."

Mike Baniak, senior, traveled to University of Dayton's Baseball Camp December 26-29 hoping to impress Dayton's coaches.

"On the last day of the camp, both the head and assistant coaches followed me from station to station and requested that I did extra reps at each one," Baniak said. "After the kids had left the head coach called me aside and told me that I would be an invited walk-on, meaning that I was on the team without receiving any money."

In Coach Shinkan's 15 years of coaching

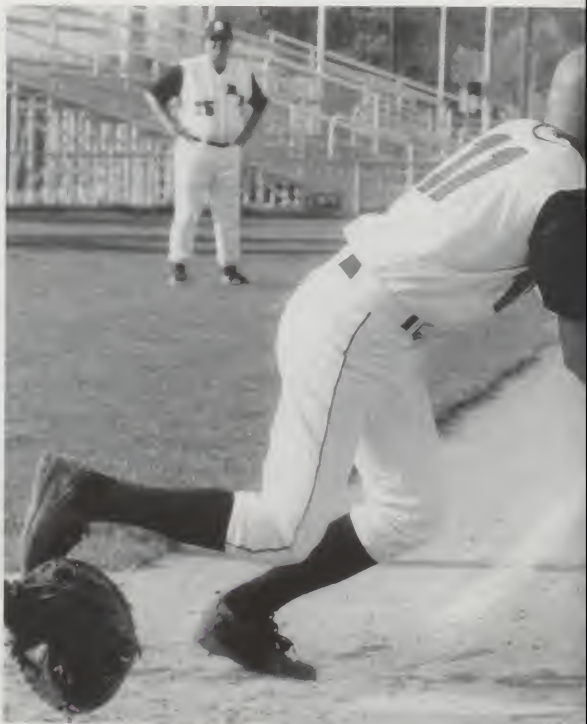


## Glove Work

Taking fielding practice before a game, Ryan Bulan, senior, waits for a grounder at first base. "I liked playing the field better than DHing because I felt more involved in the game," Bulan said. "Batting every couple innings didn't get my adrenaline pumped like I wanted."

## Sacrifice Bunt

To advance the runner to second base, Dave Luptak, senior, lays down a perfectly placed bunt. Dave batted in the leadoff spot and contributed by getting on base for the power hitters in the middle of the lineup to drive him home.



Varsity Baseball he never had three people playing Division 1 collegiate baseball.

"It was a credit to how hard those three had worked and with their talent and dedication they deserved it," Coach Shinkan said.

### Seasoned Veterans

As the Baseball Team ran out to take their positions at the start of the game, it looked like graduation because of all the seniors.

With 17 players on Varsity and 15 of them seniors, they had played with the same people since the days of Little League.

"I don't know where we would have been without every single person on this team," Helbling said. "We each had a role on the team and it took the experience of playing with each other for so long to accomplish everything."

As the playoffs drew closer, the 15 seniors

realized that they needed to make everything out of their last few games and make a run at winning the state playoffs.

"This team definitely had the experience factor going for them," Coach Shinkan said. "When it came down to the last innings, all the guys had been there before. They all had the ability to be leaders which helped."

Seniors contributed with not only leadership but also with stats as Koscielski, Helbling, Bulan, Nourie, Bochnowski and Luptak pitched every inning of every game and eight seniors batted over .400 for the season.

### Aluminum Attack

Lunging into a high fast ball, John Premetz, senior, tries to make contact with the ball. Premetz suffered a shin stress fracture trying to turn a double play in the Kankakee Valley loss, 3-2, in the Mustang Classic, forcing him to miss more than a month of action.



**Varsity Baseball** (front row) Jay Konczak, Mike Nowortyia, Mike Baniak, Marc Stojkovich, Mike Mirabelli, Matt Koscielski (second row) Steve Mendoza, Head Coach Bob Shinkan, Ron Barkowski, Coach Jeff Rosen, John Premetz, Coach John Premetz, Dave Luptak (back row) Ryan Bulan, John Hanrahan, Jon Depa, Josh Bochnowski, Jason Helbling, Jon Nourie



**JV Baseball** (front row) Mike Rosen, Dan Strzempka, Joe Mack, Joe Nowortyia, Brad Nykiel (second row) Coach Jeff Rosen, Tom Royal, Steve Paradzynski, Paul Obyszanski, Elliott Gibbs, Coach Mr. Matt Backs (back row) Joe Jakubski, Joe Rybicki, J.E. Anthony, Mike Vrabel, Mark Obyszanski, Brad Clark, Brian Stier



**Freshman Baseball** (front row) Dave Noel, Mike Helfen, Aaron Cameron, Ryan Miller, Victor Ancich (second row) Alex Pilawski, Greg Pottorff, Joe Ramirez, Nick Vrabel, Phil Koscielski, Mike Kalina (back row) John Jamich, Adam DelRio, Coach Mike Mikolajczyk, Ricky Balkam, Brett Navarro

### Junior Varsity

19-5

### 12-0 Conference

Griffith 12-0  
Highland 11-0  
Highland 3-2  
TF South 6-2  
Lowell 10-0  
Morton 12-0  
Portage 10-3  
North Newton 23-0  
Gavit 31-0  
Bishop Noll 7-3  
Griffith 11-1  
Lake Central 4-6  
Lake Station 27-0  
Calumet 12-1  
Valparaiso 10-1  
Valparaiso 10-3  
Highland 6-4  
Crown Point 5-7  
Crown Point 7-8  
Merrillville 2-18  
Boone Grove 11-0  
Morton 16-0  
Lake Central 5-2  
Chesteron 0-9

### Freshman

15-4

TF South 9-2  
Griffith 17-3  
Calumet 17-1  
Lake Central 5-4  
Highland 24-0  
Crown Point 4-2  
Crown Point 7-4  
Clark 7-8  
Portage 30-7  
Griffith 11-10  
Andean 11-9  
Lake Central 0-1  
Merrillville 12-2  
Andean 8-3  
Lowell 7-8  
Griffith 7-6  
Lake Central 3-4  
Boone Grove 10-0  
Boone Grove 9-5

# driving one home

With All-Stars on the brain and the first-ever Munster Invitational title, Softball hits off another successful season

## Tournament Time

As the game nears its beginning, the Softball team crowds together in the dugout, and lets out a cheer. Home games gave the softball team a chance to show off their skills to many of their teachers, families, and friends.

"I loved home games when my family would come and see me play," Lauren Biel, freshman, said. "Playing was always more fun when they were there to watch me."

The Munster Invitational gave the girls just this kind of chance, and they took great advantage of it, winning the tournament against teams from six different neighboring schools solidifying their spot as one of the top

teams in the area and making them a threat come postseason time.

"The invitational we held at Munster was very exciting," Coach Jim Davidson said, "For the first time ever we won a tournament held on our own home field. There were some really strong teams there, like Stagg and Homewood-Flossmoor from Illinois. We went through all three games without giving up a run."

Another exciting tournament occurred early on in the season. In April, the girls defeated the then ranked second in state Andean 59ers 1-0 in a game between two conference rivals.

Though playing tournaments often exhausted the players with more than one game



## Setting Session

After meeting with the pitcher on the mound, catcher Katherine Caruso, junior, jogs back to home plate to start the inning. Caruso earned First Team All Conference honors for her play.



per day, the satisfaction from winning them was more than enough to keep their motivation high throughout the entire season.

## Ups and Downs

Watching the sun slowly set over the horizon, the Girls' Softball Team spends another long night polishing up and honing their skills for the upcoming games.

"We have struggled all year to score runs," Coach Jim Davidson, technology teacher, said. "Our defense kept the games low scoring, but we had a rough time manufacturing runs, leaving a lot of stranded runners."

In addition to the coaching staff, the players

also had concern for their offense.

"We never seemed to get back-to-back hits, and we tended to leave the ones that did get hits stranded," Erin Kolb, sophomore, said.

Trying to overcome their weaknesses, the team also focused on their strengths. One of their main strengths included 12 shutouts, showing that they could indeed bat in addition to playing the field. However, the team did not lose sight of their accomplishments, even when they lost games like the Conference Championship against Andean 7-5, coming all the way down the stretch into extra innings, when the girls could no longer hold out.

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### At Bat

To bring a teammate in to home plate, Jess Wilson, sophomore, takes a turn at bat. Though their strong point was in the field, the team's scoring improved this year.

### Winding Up

Winding up for her pitch, Stephanie Gill, senior, lets one fly as Katherine Caruso and the umpire watch intently. Gill earned All State and All Conference titles the past two years.

### Varsity

23-7

#### 11-1 Conference

TF South 3-0  
Lowell 4-2  
Wheeler 2-1  
Morton 4-0  
Lake Central 2-6  
Hanover Central 1-3  
Clark 13-0  
Hobart 2-1  
Bishop Noll 6-0  
Elkhart Central 0-1  
Elkhart Central 0-4  
Gavit 12-0  
Griffith 5-0  
Andean 1-0  
Valparaiso 2-3  
Hammond High 8-0  
Lake Station 11-0  
Crown Point 1-0  
Whiting 4-0  
Calumet 10-0  
Stagg 2-0  
Plainfield 10-0  
Homewood-  
Flossmoor 2-0  
Highland 1-0  
Andean 5-7  
Portage 1-2  
Merrillville 6-2

### Sectionals

Crown Point 5-2  
Lake Central 1-0  
Lowell 1-4

Softball  
First Team LAC: Gill, Schaum, Caruso



## driving one home

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"It was quite an accomplishment over a 30-game season to have consistent fielding," Coach Davidson said. "We had a very strong team. All of our players did something to help the team. Everyone got his or her chance to be the hero at some point; everyone needed to be prepared to take the responsibility. We hadn't always prepared ourselves well for those situations."

Their fielding efforts proved a worthy cause, resulting in the top 20% ERA.

"Our big strength was defense, and has been all year," Kolb said. "Our defense kept us in the game, and prevented the other teams from scoring, so when we did get a run, it counted."

As the team packed up their gear and headed

home for the night, they remained focused on their weaknesses, and made sure not to lose sight of their own strengths.

### With Honors

A look of concentration and determination graced the face of Stephanie Gill, senior, as she stepped up to the pitcher's mound. A few seconds of deep thought, and then the pitch came, zooming past the batter and home plate straight into the catcher's mitt.

Gill proved herself one of the top players on the team this season, not to mention in the state, when she earned First Team All-State, All-



### On Your Mark

Taking a slow step off of first base, Jessica Wilson, sophomore, gets ready to head to second base once the batter makes contact. Coach Beth Vesa looks on, waiting to give Wilson any advice she might need.

### Bat Girl

With a grim look of concentration on her face, Katie Hauter, junior, gets ready to bat in the on-deck circle. "Stepping up to the plate was my favorite part of playing," Hauter said.



### High Fives

Gathering in the infield, juniors Danielle Zagorski, Katie Hauter, and Katherine Caruso gather around Steph Gill, senior. Players often congratulated each other to show support for their teammates.



Conference, and a spot on the North-South All-Star softball team. The 21 chosen girls played in Indianapolis June 24.

To earn a spot on the team, Gill led the area in innings pitched, and games won. She also had the third most strikeouts in the area, showing exactly why she earned her honors.

"To get on the All-Stars team, all the coaches in the area would nominate any players they thought deserved it," Gill said. "Then, they would all have to decide who was the best and that is how the team was formed. I was really honored to be picked, and really excited to have the chance to play."

Gill wasn't the only one to win honorable

titles, however. Katherine Caruso, junior, and Margaret Schaum, senior also received All Conference titles for their achievements during the season. Schaum helped lead the team in batting average, doubles, and stolen bases. Caruso also helped the team as one of the leaders in the area in stolen bases.

In post season play, Gill's golden arm almost carried the Mustangs to a Sectional Championship. Pitching all 21 innings in the tournament, Gill only allowed 6 runs; however four of those runs occurred in the seventh inning of the Sectional Championship against the Lowell Red Devils. The June 3 1-4 loss squashed any Regional dreams.



#### Varsity Softball

(front row) Stephanie Gill, Margaret Schaum, Katherine Caruso, Meredith Moran, Erin Kolb, Angie Keslin (second row) Katie Sliwa, Kristi Nishimura, Katie Szumlanski, Danielle Zagorski, Rachel Merrell, Jillian Martin, Michelle DiCostanzo, (back row) JV Coach Beth Vesa, Jessica Wilson, Freshman Coach Mike Coil, Katie Hauter, Varsity Coach Jim Davidson, Manager Alana Salata



**JV Softball** (front row) Julie Spear, Jess Collinsworth, Amy Parker, Marissa Reichers, Sammy Seligman (second row) Gina Pelagalli, Ashley Jasevicius, Mary Heaney, Sam Skaggs (back row) Nikki Gauthier, Chrissy DiCostanzo, Coach Mike Coil, Talia Matury-Vacaro, Manager Alana Salata



**Freshman Softball** (front row) Ashley Velchek, Aubrey Burdeau, Lauren Jones, Lauren Biel (second row) Megan Higgins, Ashley Bowen, Shannon O'Keefe, Tamara Jones, Kelly Markovich (back row) Katie Schlesinger, Lisa Demkowicz, Lindsay Puterko, Alana Salata, Stephanie Volkoff

#### Junior Varsity

16-5  
TF South  
Lowell  
Crown Point  
Lake Central  
Merrillville  
Bishop Noll  
Elkhart Central  
Hanover Central  
Griffith  
Chesterton  
Lake Central  
Crown Point  
Lowell Invile  
Hobart  
Highland  
Andean  
Portage

#### Freshman

Morton  
Blue Island  
Clark  
Gavit  
Andean  
Argo, IL  
Hammond  
Marian Catholic  
Lake Station  
Whiting  
Calumet  
Andean  
Thornwood

# back to basics

Lacking age on Varsity roster, Girls' Tennis keeps winning tradition by excelling in Regionals and beyond with 17-2 record

## Winning Streak

Walking across the grassy fields of Community Park to get to their courts, the Girls' Tennis Team prepares for their meet, May 5.

Continuing the winning tradition of Girls' Tennis, Munster held twelfth place in the state going into the Griffith meet.

Giving their all the whole meet, Munster defeated Griffith 4-1 that sunny afternoon. Because of the young team, the doubles lacked

## Hand In Hand

As they shake the hands of the South Bend St. Joe players, Rachel Sepiol, sophomore, and Poonam Shah, junior, show respect for their opponents. "Sportsmanship created a respect on the court that everyone followed and obeyed," Demetra Marinou, junior, said.

substance and needed more experience, according to Coach Dave Knish, Westlake teacher. However, singles excelled in their

abilities. Jeannie Knish, senior, Lindsay Holajter, junior, and Lauren Eidam, sophomore, won their single matches, but one of the doubles teams did not do as well.

"They weren't a very strong team," Poonam Shah, junior, said. "Our team really shined and played well against them."

Going into Sectionals with a positive outlook, the Girls' Tennis team hoped to come out placing well. A victory at Sectionals would provide the eighth win in a row.

"Every year we took pride in contending well in Sectionals and we hoped to fare well in Regionals," Coach Knish said.

Strong support and attitude carried the team to their victories and gave them the confidence to compete at a higher level and talent.

"Our team had a great base," Jeannie Knish, senior, said. "We really shined through this



Girls' Tennis Team (front row) Erin Dunn, Iris Insurriaga, Lauren Eidam, Emily Stener, Jeannie Knish, Demetra Marinou, Rachel Sepiol, Lindsay Holajter, Nisha Koski, Poonam Shah, Amanda Manoski, Cindy Wisniewski, Stephanie Smith (second row) Coach Dave Knish, Nidhi Kansal, Jill Sinchak, Emily Hoban, Amanda Porta, Diana Huerta, Jessie Wilks, Angie Meyers, Sonia Chand, Jilly Pasztor, Elizabeth Anderson, Michelle Supher, Mary Lou Piatek, (third row) Laurie Zurek, Michelle Peiguss, Branka Bastaic, Shannon Harvey, Kimberly Kendall, Elisse Elias, Simone Castaneda, Filiz Turan, Celia Gonzalez, Carolyn Martinier, Jill Stout, Kassy Pawlowicz (back row) Janushi Dalal, Holly Grunewald, Jenny Lee, Amanda Spivey, Connie Kuo, Neema Shah, Neha Shah, Farah Abbas, Ashley Porta, Marisa Renwald



## Ready and Waiting

Prepared to return a volley, Poonam Shah, junior, runs up to the net in preparation. "By volleying, we tried to put the point away at that time," Shah said. "Usually, they were hit on a no-bounce and very hard to hit."

## Back-to-Back

After following through with her backhand, Jeannie Knish, senior, watches as her ball soars over the net. "Being a senior, I have spent a lot of time on the courts and I improved over the years," Knish said.

season and our morale was very high. That was what kept us going through the year."

With only one senior on the varsity team, Knish led the pack and cheered every one on at each meet and practice to increase morale.

"Jeannie had motivated us a lot," Demetra Marinov, junior, said. "She taught us a lot of valuable things and prepared us well."

Clearing off the court and packing up their equipment after their win against Griffith, the Girls' Tennis team walked away with another to add to their record which helped them hold twelfth place in the State rankings.

## Out With the Old

Starting with demolishing the old courts last year, tennis players dreamed of the possibilities that lie ahead. By the beginning of the school year, the courts lacked the readiness for use.

"We haven't had a home court for two years now," Coach Knish said. "It was a long project, longer than most people thought."

With their first match on the renovated courts against Penn High School, May 6, four courts still didn't have paint on them.

"We ended up practicing everyday and playing all our home games on the Community Park facilities," Lindsay Holajter, junior, said.

The new features included an increase in court numbers, bleachers, a practice area, and new lights and fencing inside the facility.

"It was a beautiful facility that was very adapting to our needs," Coach Knish said.

Tennis players walked onto the courts, May 6 in preparation for their first meet on the finished project. As they hit balls back and forth and returned serves with all their might, their memories of the old courts wiped away.

## Varsity

17-2

7-0 Conference

Lowell 4-1

Crown Point 4-1

Gavit 5-0

St. Joe 2-3

Bishop Noll 4-1

Carmel Invite 6th

Highland 5-0

Lake Central 4-1

Lake Station 5-0

Plymouth 4-1

Griffith 4-1

Andrean 3-2

Penn 2-3

## Conference

Highland 5-0

Bishop Noll 5-0

Griffith 5-0

## Sectionals

Morton 5-0

Bishop Noll 5-0

## Regionals

Lake Central 3-2

Crown Point 5-0

## Singles' State

Jeannie Knish

defeated in

Quarterfinals

6-1, 6-3

by Lindsay Martin,

Castle HS

Girls' Tennis  
First Team LAC: Knish, Eidam, Holajter



## In the Right Direction

As the players pay close attention, Coach Dave Knish, Westlake teacher, assigns courts to people at practice. Because of the early season problem of not having a home court, the Girls' Tennis Team had to play on the Community Park facilities.

## Swinging Into Action

With her eye on the ball, Lindsay Holajter, junior, predicts the next move. "Our dedication to be out there everyday practicing contributed to our motivation to win every match," Holajter said.





# shooting for par

Conference Tournament  
and regular season  
champs roll into  
postseason with  
confidence to reach State

## Fly Like an Eagle

Breathing deep, Captain Greg Krupinski, senior, stepped up to tee off from the first hole during a playoff round for third place at the Lake Hills tournament of 16 teams.

With the first three holes tied, Krupinski readied for the fourth hole in the series. He pull-hooked a drive leaving a large tree blocking his way to the green. However, things soon brightened up for Krupinski.

"I had a great shot because I was able to hit the ball over the trees, and then it bounced once, and went in from about 135 yards away," Krupinski said. "The pressure was on because I wanted to beat my opponent even though the meet itself didn't mean that much."

Greg earned himself third place for the tournament, helping lead the team with a score of 77, resulting in a 6<sup>th</sup> place for the team.

"Greg was the #1 shooter in the conference through the 12 dual matches," Coach Brian Clark, English teacher, said. "The good thing about him was that he was still improving."

As shouts rang from the ninth hole at Lake Hills Golf Course, Krupinski gave each one of

his teammates a high five as snatched third place away from Lowell's Adam Vandercaar at the Lou Iaconetti Invitational.

## Rough Shot

At Woodmar Country Club, Dan Diomahala, senior, aims to land his ball on the green over the sand bunker. "Hitting from the rough was hard, but I usually didn't have a problem with the sand," Dan said.

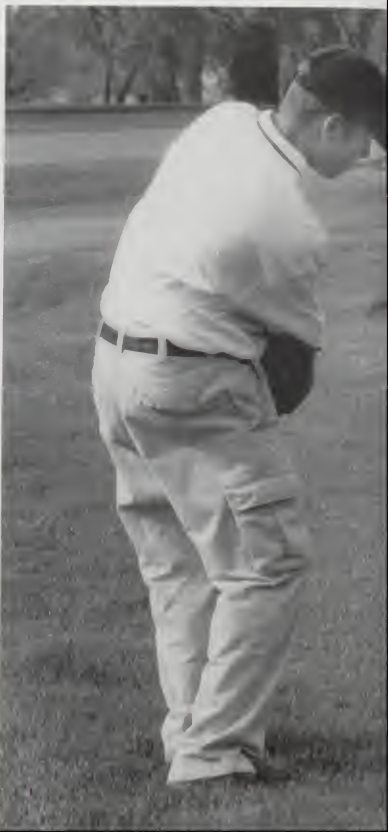


## Teed Off

After connecting with his driver, Captain Greg Krupinski, senior, watches his ball fly down the fairway. Greg led the team as the lowest shooter in the conference for the second straight year.

## Word Of Advice

Listening to Coach Brian Clark, English teacher, Captain Greg Krupinski, senior, takes a moment to study a putt. Coaches provided sound advice to help their student improve their game.



## We Are The Champions

On a sunny Thursday morning at Lake Hills, Dan Diombala, senior, pulls out a driver, readying himself for the 18-hole, all-day challenge lying ahead of him.

"I hadn't been playing too well lately, I was in kind of a slump," Dan said. "When I shot a 72, I couldn't believe it. I won the conference tournament two years in a row. I think that if we play as good as we did, we will be able to make it out of Regionals."

Dan shot only two over par, the lowest of the day, even though friend and fellow teammate Krupinski, who placed third with a 73, entered the match as the low shooter in conference play for the second year in a row. With the combined efforts of the team, they shot a 307.

"We hadn't had that kind of score in years," Coach Brian Clark, English teacher, said. "We won by 14 strokes, but it was a real toss-up. Any of the other teams in the conference such as Lowell or Andean could've easily won."

In addition to winning the conference tournament, the team clinched the conference championship at 12-0 by defeating Andean at Woodmar with a score of 151-162.

However, these longer meets did not only include the usual round of golf.

"Greg and I usually fished after tournaments, but I always outfished him," Dan said. "We always talked about it, and we finally started it last year. It was a nice break from the long day."

Looking over the pond, Dan held in one hand his fishing pole, and in the other his trophy.



**Boys' Golf** (front row) Geoff Giro, Kyle Spoor, Dan Diombala, Nate Hansen, Greg Krupinski (second row) Head Coach Brian Clark, Nikita Karalis, Justin Surd, Lowell Werner, Shaun Dunn, Brian Kowalczyk (back row) Danny Chambers, Steve Desancic, Pat Hanas, Tim Piatek, Steve Paarlberg

## Boys' Golf

First Team LAC: Krupinski, Diombala, Giro, Piatek

### Varsity

|                     |
|---------------------|
| 12-2                |
| 12-0 Conference     |
| Lowell              |
| 167-172             |
| Clark               |
| 158-211             |
| Morton              |
| 158-177             |
| Bishop Noll         |
| 165-193             |
| Crown Point         |
| 168-163             |
| Griffith            |
| 164-171             |
| Hammond High        |
| 156-223             |
| Kankakee Valley     |
| Invite 4th          |
| Lake Station        |
| 155-224             |
| Gavit               |
| 151-191             |
| Whiting             |
| 157-212             |
| Kensselaer Invite   |
| 5th                 |
| Calumet             |
| 163-198             |
| Highland            |
| 152-166             |
| Lake Central        |
| 168-167             |
| Andean              |
| 151-162             |
| Lake Central Invite |
| 6th                 |

### Short Game

Aiming for par, Tim Piatek, freshman, practices as the only freshman on the varsity team. "The other guys accepted me as one of their own because I could play on their level," Tim said.

### Conference

1st

# keeping in step

From a close win at Conference to LaReau qualifying for State, Girls' Track keeps in pace with competition

## Winning by a Hair

Holding their breath for the winner of the conference meet, Girls' Track members felt disappointment when the winner did not ring throughout the announcement system. Everyone present assumed that Bishop Noll won the meet even though none announced it.

"It was very agonizing to sit there for an hour and a half waiting for the results when Noll thought they won," Joyce Stamiris, junior, said.

The girls waited for over an hour after Coach Sloan requested a recount.

"We knew it was going to be close since Bishop Noll won almost every year," Amy Blue, junior, said. "But we wanted to show them that Munster could take the title."

After holding their breath for the results, track members realized their patience paid off with the verdict: Munster won by two points.

"We were already let down and disappointed because we thought we lost, so when we found out that we won, my heart jumped twice as far," Desiree Ballanco, junior, said.

The announcer declared the winner and each track member breathed a sigh of relief. The Conference title gave track members a feeling of pride as they ran the victory lap around Andean's track.

## Jumping High

She prepared for one of the largest meets of her high school track career. Amber LaReau, junior, prepared for the opening

## Ready to Race

Pushing off of the starting blocks, Desiree Ballanco, junior, runs her relay. "It was more fun because there was less pressure on each person," Ballanco said.

jump over a pole set at the height of 4'6." Taking a running start and



## One Upped

Flying during the 100-meter hurdles, Gina Bassetto, junior, heads for the race's finish. "Freshman year, Coach Sloan recruited me to do the hurdles and I stuck with it because I enjoyed it and I was successful," Bassetto said.

## Almost Finished

As she sees that she only has four laps left, Amy Blue, junior, ends the 3200-meter run. Amy's dedication and practice helped her end the season with a personal 12:24 record.



hoping for the best, she missed the jump and the crowd took a giant gasp.

LaReau began to cry at the thought of losing her place on the State team, a place she continuously worked hard on.

"I was afraid that all my hard work would go down the drain," LaReau said. "All the coaches and the team thought I had a really good chance at going to State."

LaReau injured her ankle with a stress fracture early in the year during one of her jumps. In spite of "excruciating" pain, she continued to jump at every meet.

"Whenever I got home from a meet, I cried," LaReau said. "I wouldn't cry in front of coach because I was afraid he wouldn't let me jump."

After missing her first jump at Regionals, LaReau came back and ended with 5'2 1/4", 3/4" away from the automatic state-qualifying

height. Since she didn't meet the requirement, she had to be one of the top three at the meet.

"When I saw (that) none of the competition made 5'3," I felt tears swelling up... I just didn't know if they were happy or sad yet," LaReau said. Moments later, the announcer gave LaReau the news: she qualified for State, the

first Girls' Track member since 1992's high jumper, Melissa Vrabel.

"It was my goal for three years to qualify for State," LaReau said. "I felt like my hard work paid off."

### Huddled Together

To keep warm during the early season, Katie Thompson, sophomore, Peach Roman-Lagunas, freshman, and juniors Amber LaReau and Julie Streeter build a blanket of coats. "In the beginning of the season, it was so cold that you had to huddle together with your teammates to keep warm," LaReau said. "It was great to talk and sing, just like a mini-slumber party."



Girls Track Team (front row) Lauren Ziemba, Gina Bassetto, Brandy Zukanovich, Desiree Ballanco, Melissa Leslie, Alyssa Hathaway, Jill Stout, Lisa Rietmann, Nicole Williamson (second row) Amy Blue, Katy Stine, Kelly Miller, Lindsay Smaron, Katie O'Block, Laura Gabrys, Kristine Duray, Simal Turan, Coleen Adley, Maribeth Sarnecki (third row) Coach Rob McCall, Coach Dirk Sloan, Karla Bales, Katie Thompson, Peach Roman-Lagunas, Gabrielle DeLuna, Liza Banegas, Jilly Pasztor, Coach Scott McAlister (fourth row) Jeni Shike, Jessica Montella, Christine Taber, Lea Pupillo, Markia Hammonds, Laura Cuevas, Elizabeth Herrin, Anna Kretz, Kathy Spence (back row) Diana Bozovic, Mirjana Lakich, Emilia Topete, Stephanie Davis, Amber LaReau, Jillian Vega, Gina Selent, Jessica Pasztor, Michelle Johnson



### Final Leap

Crunched into a ball, Lea Pupillo, sophomore, puts her legs out to land in the proper position. Long jumpers ended in a pit of sand to better measure the length of the jump and keep them from injury.

## Girls' Track First Team LAC: LaReau

### Varsity

#### 9-0

Gavit/Lowell  
79-53-34  
Hammond/Highland  
81-51-2  
Andreas/Griffith  
73-69-14  
Bishop Noll/Calumet  
96-38-22  
Penn Invite  
9th  
Highland Invite  
3rd  
Mustang Classic  
1st  
Calumet Invite  
1st

### Conference

1st

### Sectionals

3rd

### State Qualifier

Andrea LaReau in  
High Jump



# setting the bar

Boys Track Team  
qualifies three relay  
teams and eight  
individuals for Regionals

## Leaps and Bounds

Pacing himself and keeping his mind only on what lay ahead, Aaron Barnes, senior, let go a final boost of energy and swept past the opposing runners to reach a victory at the finish line and a qualification for Regionals.

As the success of the regular season came to a close, the team's first conference meet presented a winning atmosphere for the boys. With three relay teams and eight individual athletes qualifying for Regionals, the track team made an impression at the Sectional meet.

"It showed we had a strong performance," Coach Ed Woodrick, elementary teacher, said.

## Liftoff

Taking his final steps towards the pole vault bar, Chris Newcomb, junior, prepares to lift his pole for the leap at the Mustang Invite. "I put all my time into pole vaulting," Chris said. "I spent all summer and winter preparing for this season."

"These boys showed that they're real athletes and that they wouldn't quit at just anything that stood in their way."

Preparation throughout the season led the boys to what they accomplished at the meets. With the experience from their earlier meets already under their belt, the team knew what to expect at the upcoming challenges.

"All of our previous meets helped us prepare for conference meets and Sectionals," Aaron said. "We built up speed against the competition and it really helped us realize what we had to work on before Regionals started."

As the Sectional meet drew



## Within Earshot

After his first two shotput throws, Greg Eckrich, sophomore, prepares to make his final throw at the Mustang Invite. Eckrich was one of the athletes among the three field members who qualified for Regionals.

## Close at Hand

As Mr. Steve Lopez, history teacher, times their progress, Aaron Barnes, senior, passes the baton to Dan Anderson, junior, during a 1600 meter relay race at the Andrean/Griffith meet. In addition to the 1600 relay, both the 3200 and 400 also qualified for Regionals.



to a tight close, the Mustangs left the track scoring in every event and coming home with a third place finish.

"It was an outstanding team effort," Woodruff said. "We came out strong and each athlete put in his individual best."

As Aaron received his winning time after crossing the finish line, he joined the rest of his teammates on the field as they cheered in the afterglow of their victorious day on both the track and the field.

## Flying High

After hearing the final call for his event, Chris Newcomb, junior, picked up his pole, heaved a sigh of anticipation, and approached the site, not knowing what would happen in the next

few minutes may qualify as the crowning achievement of field events.

After training for three track seasons on the pole vault, Chris broke his own record by clearing 11 feet and set a new one for the school at the Andread/Griffith meet.

"This was what I was training for," Chris said. "I knew I could break the school record, but I was mostly in it for myself. I wanted to see just how far I could go and when I hit over 12 feet, I knew I had it accomplished."

"The team was very supportive of Chris, just as they were to the rest of the team," Coach Ed Woodruff, elementary teacher, said.

Taking his final steps on a deck and with a quick hurl of his pole, Chris soared over the bar, setting the new Munster school record.



**Boys Track Team** (front row) Bryan Washausen, Nick Hansen, Nick Varinac, Chris Newcomb, Jake Skelton, Ryan Beemer, Aaron Barnes, Matt DeBoer, Steve Lindemann, Phil Santner (second row) Joe Flores, Eric Rosiak, Jaime Blakeley, Waheed Nassimi, Kyle Hathaway, Dan Anderson, Alex Miller, Ben Stolarz, Adam Castor (third row) Coach Aaron Brown, Steve Smith, Joe Noworyta, Tim Smaron, John Keplinger, Josh Lipton, Matt Norby, Chris Koschnitzky, Tony Doesburg, Mark Susoreny, James Olaosebikan, Coach Steve Lopez (fourth row) Coach Ed Woodruff, Adam Wallace, James Pavisian, Brett Stewart, Alex Cheng, Robbie Collins, Dustin Moriarty, Steve Coulis, Mike McCutcheon, Chuck Mamich, Rob Zacny (fifth row) Keith Dell'aquila, Andrew DeYoung, Jon Pleitner, Ben Oprinovich, Randy Hoyle, Jeff Newcomb, Mike Stoffregen, Jeff Furticella, Adam Stuebe, Andy Doesburg, Shane Hendron (back row) Adam Tepper, Karol Mielnicki, Robbie Bielawski, Mike Ristic, Chris Barnes, Richard White, Lucas Yothment, David Hansen, Louis Mazza



## For Starters

To prepare for the upcoming 100-meter dash, Joe Flores, junior, places himself on the starting blocks at the meet against Highland. "Before sprinting in a meet, sometimes I would loosen up and stretch to calm my nerves," Joe said.

## Varsity

6-4

4-2 Conference

Lake Central Invite

4th

Lowell/Clark

69.5/79.5/19

Highland/Morton

95.5/37/34.5

Andread/Griffith

81.5/57.5/28

Bishop Noll/Calumet

46/55/53

Mustang Invite

1st

Calumet Invite

3rd

Lake Athletic

Conference Invite

3rd

Sectionals

3rd

Regionals

13th

**Boys' Track**  
First Team LAC: Blue, Barnes, Newcomb

# keeping the beat

Dance Team works overtime to achieve second place at State

## Dancing To The Beat

At 3 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 3, the Dance Team planned for hours of practice and much determination to prepare themselves for the possibility of placing in the top five for their dance routine, in Lafayette, Saturday, Feb. 5.

"Other high schools hired choreographers to come up with their dances for Regionals," Mrs. Leigh Ann Westland, coach, said. "We had a choreographer come in, but we didn't like what she showed us. So, I asked the girls if they still wanted to do the routine. They said they were going to choreograph themselves, not expecting to place."

The Dance Team practiced extra hours to perfect their dance. Ten out of the seventeen girls involved themselves in the routine, and after performing at the competition, the team placed 5 out of 5.

"We worked many hours," Christine Patel, junior, said. "We didn't think we would place."

Even without a professional to help out in their dance, the girls came out on top with a score that they never expected to receive.

## Reaching Their Goals

Two hours a day, doubled, proved a lot to handle for the Dance Team. Practices lagged on as they worked on their pom and dance routines in preparation for the State Finals in Indianapolis.

"The girls said that they wanted to do a dance routine at the beginning of the year," Mrs. Leigh Ann Westland, coach, said. "I asked them repeatedly if they they could handle two routines, and they seemed devoted to the idea. They just wouldn't give up on the idea. I was proud of them."

Dance Team members practiced double the regular hours, but they also "were challenged with completing homework and activities," according to Ginger Anthony, sophomore.

"Our school never performed two routines at the competition before," Co-Captain Christine Thadera, senior, said. "After our hard work and the time we put in, we were glad that we did better than we thought we were going to do."

The Dance Team placed second in the pom routine and fifth in the dance routine Feb. 5. Practice and hard work paid off when the Dance Team came home with the two top five scores.

### dance time

With smiles on their faces, Christine Patel, junior, Julie Sufana, sophomore and Karen Lorenzen, senior, dance during a halftime routine. "We practiced our routine twice a week or even more to competition time," Lorenzen said.





**Dance Team** (*front row*) Allison Cott, Amanda Gore, Tiffany Brown, Amy Dungey, Christine Patel, (*second row*) Karen Lorenzen, Julie Kuckek, Elizabeth Carton, Kelly Vliek, Christine Thiera, Jeni Shike, Amanda Spivey, Margie Mask, Katy Stine, Jennifer Lee, (*back row*) Katie Gilbert, Karen Lorenzen, Ellen Bielawski, Julie Sufana



**JV Poms** (*front row*) Kathryn Wickland, Marcia Coduti, Amanda Manoski, Alyssa Hathaway, Jillian Hmurovic, (*second row*) Stephanie Zeck, Ginger Anthony, Jenny Schmetzer, Gina Pelagalli, (*back row*) Sarah Baker, Carly Funston, Lauren Hamblin, Christie Gilbert, Lauren Jones



### paused moment

Before beginning their dance routine at a basketball game, the Dance Team awaits their cue to start. "Our team this year was really united," Christine Thiera, senior, said. "We worked hard and all got along really well."

### soaring high

Holding their breath while doing full splits in mid-air, the Dance Team tries to keep their perfect form. "You had to take a huge breath and just jump and hope it all turned out as you planned it," Christine Patel, junior, said.



### dance power

With arms outstretched, the Dance Team performs the Homecoming dance routine to the music of Austin Powers. Steve Weck, senior, happily played the part of '70s swinger Austin Powers.

### practice steps

In hopes of perfecting her dance steps, Kelly Vliek, senior, concentrates on her movements. "We practiced to get our steps down for competition and for halftime performances at sports events," Vliek said.



# balancing the act

With flipping wars and a mustang, cheerleaders pep up the crowds

## Red Handed

With a bulky head and red body suit, Haig Huynh, senior, tried to excite the crowd by doing cartwheels around the cheerleaders.

"Everybody liked to see the mascot," Julia Bochnowski, junior, said. "It was exciting for the crowd because everyone knew who was inside."

They used Mighty the Mustang into their cheers by putting him in mounts or had him cheer along.

"He stood on the court or football field and mimicked our cheers," Kaitlin Kovach, junior, said. "He tried to get the crowd involved. He didn't know our cheers and it looked kind of funny."

After the game ended, a sweaty faced Haig lifted off the red mustang head and prepared to leave. Whether leading the football team onto the field or clapping along to the cheers, the cheerleaders included Mighty to create more excitement.

## Flipping Out

After witnessing seven back handsprings, a back tuck and ending in the splits, the crowd moaned. Jumping back up on her feet, Chrissy Griffin, senior, quickly rejoined the squad.

"Chrissy's tumbling definitely added a lot of excitement to the team and the season," Captain Kelly Mercer, senior, said. "Our crowd would get so excited at the games whenever she would do a tumbling pass and end in the splits. It was good because it really got the fans pumped up."

Competitions with Chrissy arose among squads from other schools as well.

"The craziest memory for me was when I had a 'flipping war' with another Griffith cheerleader," Chrissy said. "I did my flips at the game and then she tried to match me, so the crowd told me to go out and show her up. That went back and forth about six times and it was amusing because we did the flips all during timeouts in a very close game against Griffith into overtime. In the end, everyone told me that I 'out flipped' her."

As Chrissy sprang up, brushed herself off and returned to cheering, the crowd clapped and hollered. The cheerleaders added lots of excitement to the games.

## along the lines

On the side, seniors Emily Magliola, Kelly Mercer, Sheri Meyers and Chrissy Griffin, cheer. "With six senior cheerleaders the season was spirited," Sheri said.

## toss up

Paper in hand, Filiz Turan, sophomore, helps keep the locker room. They decorated by hanging posters and leaving candy.



## hand and foot

To prop up Mighty the Mustang for a mount, Julia Bochnowski, junior and Chrissy Griffin, senior, grab his legs. "Haig (Huynh, senior) was a great mascot, he would try to do the cheers with us," Chrissy said.



## pyramid power

Cheering on center court, freshmen Simal Turan, Sarah Moseley, and Kristina Mueller hold up Angela Ritchie. "Doing builds was my favorite part. They were hard at first, but we got better and learned new ones every practice," Kristina said.



## uniform motion

Arms out and voices loud, seniors Brittany Fritzsche and Angela Smith pep up the crowd. "Through high school this has been the most spirited senior class because we had huge participation at every game because all of our athletes did so well," Angela said.

## air balls

Hurling white footballs to the crowd, Julia Bochnowski, junior and Brittany Fritzsche, senior, try to pick out their friends in the stands. "We really tried to get the crowd pumped for each Friday night game," Brittany said.



**Freshman Cheerleading** (front row) Amy Hayes, Kristina Mueller, Simal Turan (second row) Jessica Kovach, Angie Ritchie (back row) Sara Moseley



**Varsity Cheerleading** (front row) Kathleen Kwach, Becky Grubbe (second row) Angela Smith, Emily Maghiola, Kelly Mercer (back row) Julia Bochnowski, Nicole Pellegrino



**JV Cheerleading** (front row) Stephanie Rosenbaum, Filiz Turan, Lauren Morelli (back row) Jamie Clause, Paige Wagner, Kara Williams

# W A Bonding Experience

MEETING  
PEOPLE  
AFTER  
SCHOOL  
FORCES  
CLUB  
MEMBERS  
TO BOND  
IN ORDER  
TO REACH  
COMMON  
GOALS

Waiting for the posting of the callbacks, Joey Manderino, freshman, waited anxiously, with hopes that he would be a part of the next production. Hearing that his name made the list, Joey rejoiced, but thought of how he would bond with the other cast members, and wondered if they will get along like a unified family.

"In Drama, the main objective was getting a group of students to work together to put on a production," Joey said. "In the process, the cast transformed in a closely knit, second family. It was such a fun experience because even outside rehearsals, the cast brought themselves together by taking group trips to local restaurants or cast parties."

In addition to Drama, however, other clubs also needed to come together in order to reach a common goal of their own. With members from different 'cliques,' most clubs voted their members in, forcing several to bond on short notice to get things rolling.

"I was on Class Executive Council (CEC), and we did a lot of things to help the school unite, but we had to as well," Jason Shin, senior, said.

Students made friends by spending time together whether planning prom or decorating a truck.

"We got to know each other even though we had different tastes, but that just helped us to plan our meetings better because we all had different input of our own to add to the group, and we got a lot covered because we had a broad range of ideas that everyone volunteered at each meeting," Jason said.

As other clubs grew accustomed to each other and accomplished things, Joey attended his first meeting, hoping that the other members of the cast had similar interests, and that perhaps he would make some lasting friendships as a result.

## Group Discussion

Assigning photos in Honors Journalism 2, juniors Liz Moseley and Marisa Renwald talk with the class. "Brainstorming out was important to get things done," Liz said.



## Showing Spirit

Carefully applying the streamers for Spanish Club, Emily Montgomery, sophomore, spends her time intricately designing the side of the Spanish Club truck.



## Snap Shot

Out on the football field during the Homecoming pep rally, juniors Betty Hoyle and Jennie Johnson shoot pictures for the *Paragon*. Photographers played an integral role in helping the staff meet deadlines.

## Keep On Truckin'

Atop the Spanish Club truck, several students cram together and wave to the crowd. Each foreign language club had their own car or truck for students to ride on during the Homecoming parade.





**Academic Competition Club:** *(front row)* Andrew Kennedy, Zal Bilimoria, Nicholas Thiera, Shardul Shah, Nick Bularak, Sachin Doshi, Brian Ranade, Melissa Moore *(second row)* Jenny Yantich, Dean Fehlbau, John Keplinger, Justin Ionita, Deb Sundi, Sarah Hannigan, Adam Weselowski, Megan Schutz *(back row)* Zoran Balac, Tim Webb, Steve Lindemann, Jim Rebeco, Dustin Thompson, Matt Guanzon, Roger Shieh, Amanda Salinas



**Art Club:** *(front row)* Amanda Spivey, Lindsay Holajter, Allison Cray, Megan Morley, Janki Kothari, Meg Maddermor, Ashley Gajda, Laura Somenzi, Anna Borgo, Lauren Sarber *(second row)* Rachel Scipio, Priti Patwari, Shannon Harvey, Christine Thiera, Mike Piorkowski, Andria Williams, Marcus Bazan, John Tomazin, Rachel Franklin, Jessica Vavrek *(third row)* Kathy Mueller, Becky Herron, Jessie Wilks, Melissa Witting, Sarah Hannigan, Lisa Kolar, Ashley Navarro, Diana Santay, Jenny Yantich, Greg Schneider *(back row)* Renee Anderson, Ben Fabert, Paul Rogers, Ashley Kaufman, Nicholas DeBoer, Alyssa Theile, Lee Coduti, David Lundin, Matt Mikels, Mrs. Linda Haynes



**Auditorium Staff:** *(front row)* Marisa Saucedo, Ben Kinderer, Lisa Demkowicz, Michelle Bombenista, Sarah Papin, Sarah Kelley *(second row)* Andrea Williams, Elyse Soto, Nikki Williamson, Rachel Franklin, Brooke Berry, Rachel Vanderhei, Christine Bernacchi *(third row)* Kyle Brazel, Deb Sundi, Leah Majzak, Matt Domascia, Mike Piorkowski, Katie Caine *(back row)* David Lundin, Paul Rogers, Joel Moosmiller, Elizabeth Bradley, Jason Vargo, Ashley Kaufman, Rachel Kevin



**Band:** *(front row)* Janice Florcak, Jill Powley, Eric Rafacz, Jenny Nelson, Brad Farnsley, Amber LaReau, Lisa Murray, Matt Barney *(second row)* Eric Flores, Jonathan Meacham, Dan Wick, Andrew Lautz, Gadeir Abbas, Keith Sorrels, Paul Sikora, Robbie Collins *(third row)* Kori Chapman, Keith Dell'Aquila, Tony Desberg, Kyle Gilbert, Matt Scherwinger, Scott Bondi, Eric Yttri, Joe Fray, Nick Duric, Kellie Creighton *(back row)* Dan Witting, Mike Noworyta, Kelly Lorenz, Winfield Smith, Sean Pikos, Brian Heinemann, Adam Wallace, Derrick Schimming, Kevin Davidson

## ACC

**MEMBERS: 24**

**OFFICERS:**

President

Zal Bilimoria

Secretary/Treasurer

Justin Ionita

**SPONSOR:**

Mr. Don Ullman

**Unparalleled FACT:**

The Academic Team hosted an invitational attended by ten other teams in which they placed first.

## Art Club

**MEMBERS: 40**

**OFFICERS:**

President

Kathy Mueller

Vice President

Ashley Kaufman

Secretary

Andrea Williams

Treasurer

Jessica Vavrek

**SPONSOR:**

Mrs. Linda Haynes

**Unparalleled FACT:**

The Art Club sponsored their First Annual Art Show, "Show Your True Colors."

## Auditorium Staff

**MEMBERS: 26**

**SPONSOR:**

Mr. Larry Brechner

**Unparalleled FACT:**

The day after *Done to Death*, the Auditorium Staff put on a musical for the Genesis Guild, in addition to the other shows produced throughout the year.

## Band

**MEMBERS: 120**

**SPONSOR:**

Mr. Fred Elliot

**Unparalleled FACT:**

The Band, after a 25 hour bus ride, featured in Disney World's Mainstreet Electrical Parade.





# Practice Makes Perfect

After the last bell of the day had rung, Michelle Sopher, junior, heads to the auditorium. Setting her book bag in the seats, Michelle prepares to direct her classmates for the two hour rehearsal ahead.

"If it was a club that you wanted to do for a career you got extra training," Michelle said. "It was fun to get to know other people in the club."

Students sacrificed sleep, homework and relaxation time to participate in clubs. Some clubs, such as Speech and Debate, students woke up early and gave up their Saturday to compete. However, spending time researching for their speeches consumed a portion of their week as well.

"I spent my Saturdays on Speech, then like a half an hour to an hour a day for my prose and o.i. (oratorical interpretation)," Ashley Bowen, freshman, said. "When I started doing discussion I had to research a lot so I worked on that whenever I had free time and could have taken three or four hours a day. It was fun and interesting."

Many Speech and Debate members considered the time spent after school and on the weekends practicing and competing worthwhile because they were learning skills that would last a lifetime.

"I gave up spending time with my friends, watching TV and some other simple things for Speech and Debate, but it would hopefully help me with college, and since I wanted to be a lawyer, my future career, too," Uzma Satti, junior, said.

The school building provided a place for clubs to gather and students to rehearse.

"Ensembles stayed overtime at school because we had practice two days a week from 3 to 4 p.m.," Jordan Richardson, sophomore, said. "Also,

FROM TWO-HOUR-A-DAY PLAY REHEARSALS TO 7 A.M. BAND PRACTICES, STUDENTS' SCHEDULES FILL UP



## Stand By

In the Speech room, Julie Sufana, sophomore and Courtney Mambourg, freshman, practice. "You had to work hard because you wanted to feel your best at the meets," Julie said.

## Hung Up

With the help of Poonam Shah, junior, Val Porras, junior hangs up posters after school. "I spent about a half hour a week trying to reduce drug use in the school, I thought it was important to be involved," Val Porras said.



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## Stair Meal

As a break, Danielle Delorto, senior, eats dinner at a play rehearsal for *Done to Death*. "When we heard the applause, it was worth the hours of work," Danielle said.

## All Talk

After school, Meaghen Lober, senior and Chris Koschnitzky, junior, discuss an ad. "Even though we stayed many hours, we received so much recognition for our good work that it was worth it," Meaghen said.



**Band** (front row) Alex Cheng, Andy Doesburg, Danielle Zagorski, Kelly Metz, Kevin Wadycki, Mike Cronin (second row) Melissa Boeckman, Christine Blaine, Pam Wiers, Lauren Roman, Gina Selet, Janet Fleiter, Kyle Bieda, Jennifer Zivich (third row) Ray Fandl, Mike Liszka, Linnea Wiancek, Jamie Korey, Joe Noworyta, Dan Larson, Talia Matyry-Vacaro (back row) Kelly Amaloo, Joe Flores, Jordan Richardson, Ashley Jasevicius, Yvette Yerga, Chris Pykosz, Dan Barton, Jason Ross, Jayne Holly



**Band** (front row) Hannah Lodge, Katie Gephart, Renee Albrecht-Mallinger, Helen Sroka, Kelly Markovich, Margaret DeDios (second row) Meg Madderom, Marko Medynsky, Emily Yttri, Madelyne Stenger, Megan Leahy, J.P. Hus (third row) Katie Kooy, Rosey Petrone, Megan Morley, Nick Bularzik, Jason Szanyi, Di Cox, Kristi Skrundz (back row) Eun Cho, Melissa Diekelmann, Candice Baker, Stephanie Kelly, Stacy Frank, Ben Stork, Vita Lazauskas, Rachael Chemersinsky



**Color Guard** (front row) Kelly Markovich, Di Cox, Elyse Soto, Gina Selet, Helen Sroka (back row) Katie McGill, Danielle Ramirez, Pam Wiers, Jenny Nelson, Jennifer Zivich, Krystle Michel



**Dance Line** (front row) Eun Cho, Rachael Chemersinsky (back row) Ashley Jasevicius, Jayne Holly, Jordan Richardson, Janice Florczak



**Jazz Band** (front row) Andy Doesburg, Margaret DeDios, Meg Madderom, Jayne Holly, Joseph Flores, Janice Florczak (second row) Dan Wick, Jason Szanyi, Mike Liszka, Joe Fray, Ashley Jasevicius, J.P. Hus, Jeff Palmer (back row) Eric Flores, Eric Yttri, Brian Heinemann, Kevin Davidson, Adam Wallace

## Color Guard

### MEMBERS: 11

#### CAPTAINS:

Elyse Soto

Pam Wiers

#### SPONSOR:

Mrs. Tami Frazier

#### UNparalleled FACT:

Won two National Titles officially in Winterguard circuit

## Dance Line

### MEMBERS: 6

#### OFFICERS:

President

Kathy Mueller

Vice President

Ashley Kaufman

Secretary

Andrea Williams

Treasurer

Jessica Vavrek

#### SPONSOR:

## Jazz Band

### MEMBERS: 20

#### SPONSOR:

Mr. Fred Elliott

#### UNparalleled FACT:

Select members joined a jazz combo and played at Borders in exchange for gift certificates to the bookstore for \$15 each.

# Practice Makes Perfect

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towards the end of the year, a group of us practiced for our trip to Europe in June. We sang separate songs from Ensembles. All the practicing was worth it because we all were excited about the trip and singing in chapels and cathedrals."

Clubs such as the Video Club met at local businesses to use the proper facilities. In order to film their projects, members of Video Club met at the Northwest Indiana Art Center.

"Working on Video Club was a way for me to relax and have fun at the same time, and we also got stuff done," Sachin Doshi, junior, said. "We usually spent two hours once a week on it."

Working long hours created opportunities to meet new people, and students discovered new friendships along the way. By critiquing other people or taking time to help out with a problem, students created a friendly atmosphere in their workspace.

"Spending time in DECA wasn't like you were loosing out on being with your friends or anything because everyone got along and they were all fun to hang around with," Crystal Bogs, senior, said.

Putting in extra time to go to workshops helped prepare some clubs for their project or competition.

"We went on many different trips like Central Regions in Michigan, which were workshops to help us prepare for future competitions," Crystal said. "We also participated in State competitions in Indianapolis and Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky. All the trips were very exciting and fun. We had the chance to meet so many different people."

After a few last comments to the cast, Michelle gathered up her things and headed out the door. Working late students sacrificed their time to sleep, do homework or even just relax. They found themselves grabbing a bite to eat from a local restaurant and heading back to work. Clubs not only required commitment and effort, but also provided the chance to develop lifelong skills and the ability to discover things about themselves.



## Flag Down

Outside the band room Elyse Soto, senior and juniors Katie McGill and Krystle Michel rehearse their routine. "We were there after school everyday," Katie said. "It was like anything, once you got started with something, you just stuck with it and tried your hardest."

## On Line

Circling the Fieldhouse in preparation for the trip to Florida, Band members with flutes in hand focus on hitting the right notes. Students increased their musical talents by practicing every morning in their first hour band class and before school in the fall.





### Tying Together

Together in the bookstore, DECA members junior, Kristen Jabaay and seniors, Jason Stuebe, Angelie Martich, Ryan Beemer and Gina Puntillo, blow up balloons to get ready for the balloon sale. "Because of the time we put into DECA, all of the people became really close and I made friends that were really cool," Tiffany Sanders, junior, said.



**Jazz Lab** (front row) Scott Boudi, Dan Barton, Stacy Frank, Jonathan Friedman, Ashley Jasevicius (second row) Andy Zusman, Ray Fandi, Andrew Lautz, Eric Flores, Joe Noworyta (back row) Matt Schwertfeger, Nick Djuric, Sean Pileosz, Robbie Collins, Krith Sorrels



**Freshman CEC** (front row) Leslie Parker, Lenny Weiss, Dave Watson, Samantha Seligman, Lauren Jones, Neema Shah (back row) Jenuvilet Zivich, Jon Kutas, Robbie Collins, Josh Levin, Alyssa Hathaway, Lauren Hamblin



**Sophomore CEC** (front row) Katy Stine, Stephanie Zeck, Marcia Bazan, Erin Kolb, Lindsey Serna (back row) Colleen Summers, Paige Wagner, Mike Luszka, Jeni Shike, Yasemin Zeytinoglu



**Junior CEC** (front row) Lisa Basil, Candice Kouras, Carolyn Martner, Tiffany Brown, Christy Macak, Colleen Frazier (back row) Joe Flores, Steve Bembenista, Jim Hamblin, Erik Rosiak, Erin Talabay, Nisha Doshi



**Senior CEC** (front row) Noreen Castor, Jason Shin, Steve Weck, Angela Keslin (back row) Annie Domascia, Greg Krupinski, Matt Thompson, Mark Olley, Sheila Rane

### Jazz Lab

**MEMBERS: 17**

**SPONSOR:**

Mr. Fred Elliott

**UNparalleled FACT:**

Members practiced for 26 weeks, a total of 78 hours before attending their first competition.

### Freshman CEC

**MEMBERS: 15**

**OFFICERS:**

President

Cindy Koh

Vice President

Lauren Jones

Secretary

Neema Shah

Treasurer

Connie Kuo

**SPONSOR:**

Mr. Mike Coil and Miss

Valerie Pflum

### Sophomore CEC

**MEMBERS: 12**

**OFFICERS:**

President

Yasemin Zeytinoglu

Vice President

Katy Stine

Secretary

Jeni Shike

Treasurer

Erin Kolb

**SPONSOR:**

Miss Lisa Homer and

Miss Kristine Moore

### Junior CEC

**MEMBERS: 12**

**OFFICERS:**

President

Jim Hamblin

Vice President

Lisa Basil

Secretary

Steve Bembenista

Treasurer

Eric Rosiak

**SPONSOR:**

Mrs. Nancy Newcomb and

Mrs. Jackie Podkul

### Senior CEC

**MEMBERS: 9**

**OFFICERS:**

President

Angie Keslin

Vice President

Noreen Castor

Secretary

Steve Weck

Treasurer

Greg Krupinski

**SPONSOR:**

Mr. Carl Fields

**UNparalleled FACT:**

Made "Top 10 Reasons for Seniors to three-peat" for Winter Homecoming



## Crier

**MEMBERS: 18****OFFICERS:**

Editor-in-Chief  
Brian Daniels  
Managing Editor  
Mike Baniak  
Design Editor  
Christie Griffin  
Copy Editor  
Jenny Bamboat

**ADVISER:**

Mrs. Nancy Hastings

**Unparalleled FACT:**  
Won a Pacemaker for their 1999 newspaper.



**Crier** (front row) Mrs. Nancy Hastings, Rachel McCain, Michelle Bemberista, Becky Norris, Jenny Bamboat, Margaret DeDios (second row) Kathy Mueller, Sara Williamson, Mike Baniak, Betty Hoyle, Jessica Lotak, Christie Griffin (back row) Chris Koschnitzky, April Komendant, Brian Daniels, Erick Sherman, Jeff Palmer, Meaghan Lober, Jennie Johnson

## DECA

**MEMBERS: 53****OFFICERS:**

President  
Jamie Savage  
Vice President  
Angelle Martich  
Secretary  
Dana Talbot  
Treasurer  
Jason Stuebe

**SPONSOR:**

Mr. Kent Lewis

**Unparalleled FACT:**  
Raised \$4,000 for Muscular Dystrophy through their annual Dates for Dystrophy.



**DECA** (front row) Desiree Ballanco, Thomas Zeros, Meghan Francis, Marcie Kwassman, Jenny Solis, Liz Olley (second row) Krystal Nash, Dana Talbot, Tom Kaiser, Jasmina Mijalovic, Ginger Anthony, Jennifer Doescher, Crystal Bogs, Shannon Harvey (third row) Sara Boomsma, Evan Drillas, Jamie Savage, Angelle Martich, Tiffany Sanders, Paul Marchese, Kyle Brazel, (fourth row) Elizabeth Bradley, Jason Stuebe, Brian Serrano, David Los, Brian Scheffel, Adnan Satti, Kathleen Spence, Gina Puntillo (back row) Elizabeth Sampias, Sonya Garcia, Kristen Jabay, Wanda Kolodziejczyk, Krystle Montella, Michelle Sopher, Nicole Miller, Saralyn Feinberg, Mr. Kent Lewis

**Debating Duo**

Ready to leave for a weekend Debate meet, juniors Ashley Porta and Kevin Cane push open the doors to load their boxes of evidence on the bus for their trip. As a two-person debate team, Ashley and Kevin qualified for Nationals in Portland, OR in June.



## Drama Club

**MEMBERS: 90****OFFICERS:**

President  
Nicole Pellegrino  
Vice President  
Brandon Sweeney  
Secretary  
Ashley Kaufman  
Treasurer  
Kevin Cane  
Historian  
Michelle Sopher

**SPONSOR:**

Mrs. Renee Kouris

**Unparalleled FACT:**  
Drama Club president Nicole Pellegrino, junior, directed the winter play, *Done to Death*.



**Drama Club** (front row) Ashley Porta, Kevin Cane, Nicole Pellegrino, Brandon Sweeney, Jodi Rosenthal, Tiffany Sanders, Deb Sundi, Mike Baniak (second row) David Young, Jayne Holly, Jordan Richardson, Katie Gluck, Jim Hamblin, Steve Bemberista, April Komendant, Roman Teller, Rachel Kevin (third row) Mahdi Ogah, Tim Webb, Paul Rogers, David Lundin, Jason Vargo, Greg Schneider, Asim Sheriff, Julie Valand (back row) Kyle Spear, Brian Treasure, Mark Olley, Brad Clark, Rob Branson, Joey Manderino, Chris Hunt, Zoran Balac, Ashley Kaufman



**Drama Club** (front row) Sarah Kelley, Christina Bernacchi, Katie Caine, Colleen Summers, Rachel Franklin, Kyle Brazel, Ilene Blumberg (second row) Morgan Matthews, Matt Domanda, Liz Olley, Megan Graykowski, Lauren Roman, Nicole Cier, Amanda Porta, Bethany Shults (third row) Nisha Doshi, Candice Kouris, Priti Patwari, Nikki Williamson, Allison Gott, Christy Macak, Poonam Shah (back row) Megan Morley, Shardul Shah, Lisa Kolar, Mike Piotrowski, David Culberg, Carolyn Marinier, Justin Ionite, Laura Dunn

**Quick Thinking**

At their annual Super Bowl junior Academic Competition Club (ACC) members Dean Fehla and Justin Ionita look over their notes. Super Bowls allowed the ACC to compete against other schools and also get ideas for future meets.

**Stirring Ideas**

During a Speech meet, Adam Wesolowski, sophomore, prepares to give his speech in the contest. Clubs, such as Speech and Debate, gave students the opportunity to participate in one-on-one situations at competitions.

# Rising to the Top

FROM  
ACC TO  
SPEECH  
AND  
DEBATE,  
CLUBS  
MEMBERS  
COMPETE  
TO LEARN,  
GROW,  
EARN  
HONORS

**N**ot a sound caroms through the room, as Nina Elmora, senior, nervously taps her foot awaiting the results in her Speech meet. The tension builds as the judges return, ready to announce the placement. Anticipating the calling of her name, she waits anxiously until the moment arrives.

With head-to-head competition such as Speech, students experienced the rush and the adrenaline just like a Sectional Championship game.

"For Speech it became individualized," Nina said. "There were more elements in sports that were team-oriented. In other sense, you needed people to get critiques from to tell you what you were doing right and wrong. But overall, sports and club competing are very similar. You practiced the same amount and got nervous before you did it."

Learning out of school through clubs like ACC came in the forms of not only practices and get-togethers, but also competitions.

"Knowing that it didn't count for school or anything, it was fun," Matt Guanzon, sophomore, said. "Competing did get tense though. You found yourself asking 'Am I going to place?'"

In the case of publications, students' awards come months after the finished product. *Crier* and *Paragon* both received Pacemakers from the National Scholastic Press Association for their 1999 publications. *Crier* Copy Editor Jenny Bamboat, senior, also received a Quill and Scroll Gold Key for news writing.

"Winning a Gold Key meant everything to me," Jenny said. "It was my trophy, my accomplishment. It proved that what I wrote mattered."

Hearing her name, Nina puts a smile on her face as she gets out of her chair to accept her first-place ribbon, as she ponders in her mind the long hours she spent practicing and rewriting her speech.

## Roses are Red

Receiving a rose in Advisory, Kayte Yerga, junior, smiles as she thinks of who might have sent it. For Sweetest Day.

DECA members sold roses during lunch and passed them out during Advisory to raise \$500 for their overnight meets.



**Drama Club:** (front row) Farah Abbas, Jennifer Lee, Michelle Sopher, Melissa Moore, Julie Sufana, Ishani Dalal (second row) Andrew Kennedy, Lisa Basil, Cristina Casas, Sadia Najamuddin, Ashley Gajda, Jilly Pasztor (third row) Lenny Weiss, Elyse Solo, Megan Kikalos, Colin Kern, Jaime Shapiro, Sarah Moseley, Joyce Samaris (back row) Katie Gilas, Rachael Chernomirsky, Kaitlin Kovach, Colleen Frazier, Paige Wagner, Julia Bochnowski, Nina Bilimoria

## Ensembles

**MEMBERS:** Mixed: 20  
**Women's:** 26

**SPONSOR:**

Dr. Tim Bartlett

**UNparalleled FACT:**

Members of both Ensembles traveled to Great Britain in June for a 10-day concert and sight-seeing tour, culminating with the British/American High School Choral Festival in York and London.



**Mixed Ensembles:** (front row) Jason Shin, Candice Baker, Bethany Shurko, Pat Cailles, Kaitlin Kovach, Margaret DeDios (second row) Erin Talabay, Katie Gluck, Roman Teller, Danielle Rakich, Chris Barnes, Natalie Bieda, Michelle Coduti (back row) Matt Domascia, Brandon Sweeney, Kyle Matucha, Steve Pesich, Aaron Barnes, Andrew Schumacher



**Women's Ensembles:** (front row) Nancy Chen, Sheri Meyers, Christina Bernacchi, Colleen Summers, Jodi Rosenthal, Morgan Matthews, Olivia Kompier, Natalie Jordan (second row) Nicole Pellegrino, Vita Lazauskas, Priya Pu, Caitlin Hawersky, Karen Lorenzen, Megan Kikalos, Laura Hansen (back row) Jayne Holly, Rachael Simpson, Alyssa Theile, Natalie Shapiro, Jordan Richardson, Lisa Kolar, Caroline Camp, Ann Babert

## French Club

**MEMBERS:** 66

**OFFICERS:**

President

Sara Williamson

Vice President

Jasmina Mijalovic

Secretary

Lisa Kolar

Treasurer

Justin Ionita

Computer Specialist

Deb Sundi

**SPONSOR:**

Mrs. Alyce Mart-Webb

**UNparalleled FACT:**

David Culberg, junior, served as the club's mascot and dressed up for parties and events.



**French Club:** (front row) Deb Sundi, Justin Ionita, David Culberg, Sara Williamson, Jasmina Mijalovic, Carolyn Marinier, Lisa Kolar (second row) Pam Wiers, Allison Gott, Nicole Pellegrino, Waheed Nassimi, David Przyzyski, Adam Wesolowski, Jason Szary, Sarah Grauvogel (third row) Julie Valand, Tiffany Sanders, Roman Teller, Rachel Kevin, Jenny Nelson, Mahdi Ojagh, Matt Domascia, Kevin Cane (back row) Jennifer Zavich, Tim Webb, Donna Prole, Derek Newell, Matt Guanzon, Michael Stoffregen, Kyle Matucha, Evelyn Watterson, Brian Treasures



## Candle Craze

In order to raise money for the Art Club's first Annual Art Show, juniors Andrea Williams and Ashley Kaufman sell homemade candles. Art Club members met and made candles after school, then sold them to students and teachers in the food court during lunch.

## Jail Break

While working for Project X at the Munster High School Fun Fair, Jessica Pasztor, junior, tries to round kids up for the "jail." "Raising money didn't really seem like hard work at all," Jessica said. "We all really enjoyed playing with the kids and had lots of fun."



# Sweet Smell of Success

FROM  
SELLING  
ROSES TO  
FINDING  
DATES,  
CLUBS RAISE  
MONEY FOR  
ACTIVITIES,  
CHARITIES

Upon entering the cafeteria, a mob of people rushing to pick up their Dates for Dystrophy sheets swarms around the doorway, trapping DECA members behind the table as they frantically began digging through boxes filled to the brim with papers.

"I always thought that fundraising was important," Marcie Kwaman, junior, said, "It gave a chance for the hard work that everyone in the club did to pay off. It also allowed the club to do things that we otherwise wouldn't have the money for."

Besides the Dates for Dystrophy, DECA also organized a Bowl-A-Thon, and placed canisters in classrooms to collect money to give to charity. To raise money for themselves, club members sold roses for Sweetest Day, balloons on Homecoming and Entertainment books.

"The money they raised for the club helped all the members by paying for trips like in November to a competition in Grand Rapids, MI," DECA sponsor Mr. Kent Lewis, business teacher, said.

Speech and Debate Team members also organized fundraising events, like their Annual Chicken Barbecue, to help raise money for their expenses.

"The chicken barbecue covered most of the Speech and Debate Team's expenses for the year," Speech Team coach Mr. Marc Lehnner, English teacher, said. "All the money we raised helped to pay for overnight competitions, hotel rooms, entry fees, and even awards for the tournament that we hosted."

As the crowd slowly parted from the table, Marcie breathed a sigh of relief. Not only because of the joy she felt since the number of students rushing towards her had decreased, but because she had helped her club out in all their fundraising efforts.





## National Honor Society

**MEMBERS: 53**  
**OFFICERS:**  
 President  
 Annie Domasica  
 Vice President  
 Sheila Rane  
 Secretary  
 Mike Baniak  
 Treasurer  
 Tomio Toyama  
**SPONSOR:**  
 Mrs. Linda Scheffer  
**UNPARALLELED FACT:** To earn two points per fifty minutes, NHS members tutored at Wilbur Wright Middle School.



**National Honor Society:** (front row) Ryan Florek, Sarah Hannigan, Brian Daniels, Jay Korczak, Annie Domasica, Stephanie Gill, Mike Baniak (second row) John Premetz, Kevin Davidson, Chris Hunt, Mark Olley, Dan Aldulescu, Kelly Lorenz, Kyle Spear, Dave Luptak (back row) Zack Jones, Steve Lindemann, Jim Rebesco, Ryan Bulan, Adam Cohen, Nate Hansen, John Hanrahan

## German Club

**MEMBERS: 51**  
**OFFICERS:**  
 President  
 Sarah Hannigan  
 Vice President  
 Dan Grady  
 Secretary  
 Meg Maddermom  
 Treasurer  
 Alyssa Theille  
**SPONSOR:**  
 Mrs. Eileen Meier  
**UNPARALLELED FACT:** For National Foreign Language Week beginning March 6, members played a movie and had a tea party for their foreign exchange students.



**German Club:** (front row) Mary Mangus, Nicole Farnsky, Gina Bassetto, Ashley Navarro, Christie O'Brien, Joyce Stamiris, Jessica Economou (second row) Rick Nichols, Andy Zusman, Amy Blue, Kyle Rice, Julia Weib, Sarah Hannigan, Chuck Mannich, Nicholas Thiera (third row) Tom Dwaers, John Kutas, Zoran Balac, Steve Bembenista, Joey Mack, Michael Stoffregen, Philip Koscicki (back row) Paul Rogers, Joe Tray, Bob Thompson, Dan Grady, Tomio Toyama, Winfield Smith, Alyssa Theille, Jim Hamblin



**German Club:** (front row) Jovica Balac, Sambodhi Das, Maribeth Sarnecki, Esther Economou, Sarah Papin, Mary Leitell, Shannon Zenos, Mrs. Eileen Meyer (second row) Meg Maddermom, J.P. Hus, Karl Spork, Kristi Skundz, Jenny Feli, Mike Lee, Melissa Moore (back row) Caroline Camp, Jeff Newcomb, Jason Byttow, Dave Byttow, Mike McCullough, Nick Balazsik, Meghan Francis

## Wishful Walking

Hard at work at the Walk-A-Thon, Junior Project X members Saralyn Feinberg and Jessica Pasztor set up at the check-in table while Maureen

Malungcot, senior, prepares to begin the hike. "I was glad to help with the Walk-A-Thon, and we raised a plenty of money doing it," Saralyn said.



**French Club:** (front row) Beth Herrin, Vanita Seetharaman, Nick Stone, Phil Kubacki, Chad Sumara, Pete Kubacki, Helen Snoka, Neema Shah (second row) Julia Bochnowski, Sambodhi Das, Coleen Adley, Jilly Pasztor, Madeline Auble, Lauren Treasure, Sarah Moseley, Melissa Moore, Colleen Frazier (third row) Vita Lazauskas, Stephanie Bobeck, Cindy Koh, Sachin Doshi, Colleen Summers, Nidhi Kansal, Ashley Bowen, Liz Anderson, Mrs. Alyce Mart-Webb (back row) Paige Wagner, Lauren Mikler, Caitlin Hawryszakow, Tom Mourikas, Rachel Franklin, Karen Lorenzen, Katie McGill, Krystal Nash, Candice Grant





# They'd Walk a Mile

FROM WRAPPING GIFTS TO FREE TUTORING AFTER SCHOOL, STUDENTS FIND VARIOUS WAYS TO GIVE BACK

**R**ushing to meet her new "student," Priya Pai, senior, tries to make it by 3 p.m. in the food court to tutor for an hour as part of her duties to National Honor Society. Pulling up a seat and plopping down in it, Priya searches her memory banks, recalling the fundamentals of Algebra 2.

"Tutoring was something that I was good at," Priya said. "I always liked to help people, and I felt that I should give back for all the things I had gotten. I tried to teach the kids I tutored a little of what I had already learned."

While NHS gave back to the high school community, other clubs used different methods to support community efforts.

Mrs. Anne Whiteley, Spanish teacher, and the Spanish Club held a bake sale to raise money to help the needy in Guatemala.

"We cooked food so that we could help some of the people in Guatemala who needed to eat," Mrs. Whiteley said. "We also collected several blankets because we knew they needed those as well."

As clubs often stuck to the necessary fundraising such as bake sales, other ones tried to make their money in unusual ways, such as the Walk-A-Thon, sponsored by Project X to help out those afflicted with muscular dystrophy.

"I felt that I already had everything I needed, so I wanted to help out in other ways," Saralyn Feinberg, junior, said. "We raised a lot through the Walk-A-Thon, I felt glad to be a part of it."

As 4 p.m. neared, Priya packs her bag, her mind overflowing with recently remembered theorems and postulates, waiting for the next time that she had to tutor another student in need of help.

## Free Help

With another question for tutor Bethany Shutko, senior, Elizabeth Bradley, sophomore, receives help in the food court after school. "I always wanted to get involved in community activities," Bethany said. "NHS gave me the chance to do that."

## Boxed Set

Carefully folding up the wrapping paper, Julie Donnowitz, junior, finishes up with another gift for Adopt-an-Angel. Student Government organized the plan for Advisories to collect money and buy toys for the needy.

## Face to Face

Close together, Jennifer Lee, sophomore, listens to what Farah Sherif, sophomore, has to share at a Speech and Debate

party. Club parties presented students with the opportunity to spend time with friends and also to meet new ones.



**National Honor Society:** (front row) Jacqueline Grigsby, Zal Billmorla, Eun Cho, Erin DeVries, Noreen Castor, Christie Griffin, Jenny Bamboat, Kiley Wallace (second row) Poonam Shah, Jason Shin, Angela Keslin, Becky Maynard, Shwila Rane, Priya Pui, Natalie Bieda, Nina Billmorla (back row) Kelly Mercer, Susan Hay, Karen Lorenzen, Tomio Toyama, Megan Chynoweth, Christine Thera, Brittany Fritzsche, Bethany Shutko, Meg Madderom



**Orchestra:** (front row) Mr. Karl Linden, Cristina Casas, Lituo Huang, Terry, Funston, John O'Block, Gadeir Abbas, Katie Caine, Valerie Porras (second row) Joe Flores, Andy Zusman, Natalie Bieda, Shardul Shah, Jonathan Friedman, Katie Schlessinger, Priya Pal, Emily Stemer (third row) Mike Liszka, Pam Wiers, Lisa Demkowicz, Ashley Porta, Marisa Renwald, Lauren Roman, Casey Kolderup (back row) Matt Thompson, Keith Sorrels, Paul Rogers, Joe Fray, Eric Flores, Gregg Sorrels, Kelly Lorenz, Jeff Palmer



**Orchestra:** (front row) Katie O'Block, Katie Paliga, Connie Kuo, Nancy Chen, Morgan Matthews, Carolyn Oosterbaan (second row) Jason Szary, Samantha Watanapongse, Ashley Velchek, Megan Gleason, Jenny Bamboat, Jawad Omery (third row) Bilal Omery, Holly Grunewald, Stephanie Zeck, Jenny Fell, Katie Gikas, Amit Shah (back row) Mr. Karl Linden, Erica Rangel, Sharyn Goldryn, Monica Aldulescu, Tedi Vlahu, Nicholas Thera, Kristen Gleason



**Paragon:** (front row) Mrs. Nancy Hastings, Michelle Benbenista, Becky Norris, Liz Moseley, Betty Hoyle (second row) Laura Hansen, Alex Vargas, Jawad Mangus, Stephanie Kelly, Sara Williamson (back row) Marisa Renwald, Jennie Johnson, Nate Hansen, Brad Shapiro, Kathy Mueller, Ashley Porta

Orchestra

**MEMBERS: 62**

**SPONSOR:**

Mr. Karl Linden

**UNparalleled FACT:**

Divided into two sections and both received first place at ISSMA.

Paragon

**MEMBERS: 17**

**OFFICERS:**

Editor-in-Chief

Nate Hansen

Design Editor

Mary Mangus

Associate Editor

Erin Egnatz

Copy Editor

Brad Shapiro

Photography Editor

Laura Hansen

**UNparalleled FACT:**

Staff stayed 24 consecutive hours Feb. 3 and 4 to meet their four-color deadline



## Social Security

As Jamie Savage, senior, and DECAsponsor Mr. Kent Lewis, business teacher, attach a sign to the side of a truck before the Homecoming parade, seniors Gina Puntillo and Matt Koscielski wait to assist them. The parade gave the students a chance to meet with their friends and ride on club floats.

## Food for Thought

Standing in line for their food, juniors Deb Sundi and Kevin Cane wait for French Club president Sara Williamson, senior, to serve them a piece of cake at an after school French Club party. "The advantage of the club was experiencing the food and music of the culture instead of just learning about it in class," Deb said.





# Sticking Together

FROM  
BUILDING  
FLOATS TO  
EATING  
CHEESE,  
FRIENDLY  
ATMOSPHERE  
SPARKS  
PEOPLE  
INTERACTION

Laughing with his buddies in the Speech room, Tim Webb, sophomore, gets in a quick joke with his friends before settling down to prepare his next oration. Extra-curriculars allowed students to create new friendships through their work.

"Meeting new friends was a welcome side effect," Tim said. "When you got a little older you didn't really have time to make friends during class and during the school day. After school activities allowed you to meet new people."

As an active member in sports and clubs, Tim noticed a difference between different types of extracurriculars in intensity and competition.

"Teams, such as football and speech, you were always together at practice and meets and always were built collectively towards a goal," Tim said. "Clubs like French Club, you just joined for fun."

Clubs gave students a place to not only get work done for their cause, but to enjoy each other's company. Not all clubs came together for a cause, some based their decision to join on having a good time and socializing with friends.

"Being in a club provided a good atmosphere, because everyone was there for the same reason," Greg Schneider, junior, said.

That atmosphere allowed students to have a reason to get involved and meet new faces.

"It kept kids out of trouble and gave them an alternative thing to do," Sara Williamson, senior, said. "Meeting new friends was a must for teenagers, because no one should be alone."

Whether competing in the Plymouth speech meet or hanging out at the French Club Fromage Party, Tim and others chose clubs that they could gain new friends and enjoy themselves in the process.





**MEMBERS: 55****SPONSOR:**

Mrs. Linda Adams

**Unparalleled FACT:**  
Members participated in their first Walk-A-Thon for the "Make A Wish Foundation" raising an average of \$100 each walker and totaling over \$3,000.



**Project X:** (front row) Meghan Franciski, Kathleen Spence, Natalie Clippert, Renee Anderson, Joyce Starnits (second row) Nisha Doshi, Sarah Hannigan, Marcia Bazar, Gina Bassetto, Kristal Markovich, Shannon Harvey, Amy Blue, Courtney Chung (third row) David Prybylski, Kevin Cane, Christy Macak, Julie Joseph, Candice Kourous, Tiffany Sanders, Kimberly Kendall (back row) Joe Mack, Steve Bembienista, Asim Sherif, Ryan Bular, Brad Clark, David Young, Jim Hamblin, Alyssa Thele



**Project X:** (front row) Farah Sherif, Amanda Bowers, Payal Keshwani, Sonal Gupta, Melissa Moore, Iris Insuaniaga, Maureen Malungot, Nancy Chen (second row) Sadia Najmuddin, Cristina Casas, Megan Morley, Desiree Ballanco, Lisa Newcomb, Priti Patwari, Neha Shah (back row) Lydia Carle, Allison Cray, Karla Bales, Candice Grant, Saralyn Feinberg, Jessica Pasztor, Lauren Treasure, Farah Abbas

**MEMBERS: 6****OFFICERS:**

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Brad Shapiro

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Secretary

Jenny Bamboat

Treasurer

Brian Daniels

Membership Chairperson

Mike Baniak

**SPONSOR:**

Mrs. Nancy Hastings

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Poonam Shah

Jessica Oprinovich

Vice President

Diana Santay

Secretary

Lindsey Holajter

Treasurer

Valerie Porras

**SPONSOR:**

Mrs. Darlene Acosta

**Unparalleled FACT:**

Made \$71 in their first

ever Valentine's Day

card and balloon sale.



**Quill and Scroll:** (front row) Nate Hansen, Brad Shapiro, Brian Daniels, Mike Baniak (back row) Jenny Bamboat, Christie Griffin



**SADD:** (front row) Jessica Oprinovich, Valerie Porras, Poonam Shah, Lindsey Holajter, Diana Santay (second row) Kathleen Spence, Sonal Gupta, Marcia Bazar, Kimberly Kendall, Shannon Harvey, Sarah Hannigan, Meghan Franciski (third row) Uzma Saiti, Milan Medakovic, Gina Bassetto, Ashley Navarro, Tiffany Sanders, Kevin Cane, Maribel Gutierrez, Saama Saiti (back row) Christy Macak, David Young, Asim Sherif, Adam Wallace, Brad Clark, Jim Hamblin, Joe Mack, Candice Kourous, Chris Pykosz



**SADD:** (front row) Dawn Broelmann, Nidhi Kansal, Sambodhi Das, Melissa Moore, Ishani Dalal (second row) Farah Abbas, Lisa Basal, Nisha Shah, Cristina Casas, Megan Morley, Sara Frigo, Priti Patwari (back row) Julie Streeter, Shardul Shah, Nisha Doshi, Dave Ahl, Steve Bembienista, Sadia Najmuddin, Amber LaReau

**In Focus**

As he zooms in on the action in the other room, Justin Ionita, junior, keeps his eyes centered on the screen. "Taping was the easy part," Justin said. "It was tough doing the editing."

**Careful Approach**

Observing the statues at the museum for Martin Luther King, Jr., Sara Williamson, senior, stops by on a break from the National Journalism Convention in Atlanta, GA. "I only got to go on field trips three or four times a year, and they really gave me a chance to have fun and learn," Sara said.

**Blast Off**

Ready to launch his 'bottle rocket' with water pressure, Matt Guanzon, sophomore, waits with his wire in hand for the signal from Academic Competition Club sponsor Mr. Don Ullman, science teacher.



# S Taking A New Angle

Slowly filling his empty 2-liter pop bottle with water, Chris Carlos, freshman, makes sure the fins and the parachute are in place for his Bottle Rocket event. Chris joined the Science Olympiad team at Wilbur Wright Middle School as one of five freshman members.

WHETHER  
LAUNCHING  
ROCKETS  
INTO THE  
AIR OR  
TRAVELLING  
TO OTHER  
CITIES,  
STUDENTS  
RECEIVE  
CHANCE  
TO LEARN  
OUTSIDE  
OF CLASS

"I was part of the 'Bottle Rocket' event on the team, and the purpose of it was to launch the rocket into the air with water pressure and keep it in the air for the longest amount of time," Chris said. "I joined the team at the middle school because I really thought it was fun. It was a great way to learn about science and have fun at the same time. Plus, I wanted to be someone that all the younger kids on the team could look up to as a role model."

These activities comprised just a small fraction of the numerous activities to do that take place outside of a classroom, while still providing a learning atmosphere. Often times students had a chance to broaden their horizons in places far from home.

"We had to take an airplane to Atlanta, where a national journalism convention was being held," Mary Mangus, senior, said. "When we were there, we attended classes so we could get ideas for our book. We also took home a second place award in the 'Best of Show' category for last year's yearbook, and we were really proud because yearbooks were entered from across the nation."

As the parachute opens up and his bottle slowly drops to the ground, Chris breathes a sigh of relief, thankful that the bottle had drifted down gradually, knowing that all his hard work after school paid off. Snagging a first place finish, Chris knew that learning beyond the classroom proved much more interesting and fun than learning from a textbook.

# A Sound Effort

WHETHER PREPARING FOR DANCES OR WORKING ON PLAYS, MEMBERS WORK BEHIND THE SCENES TO REACH THEIR GOALS

**E**yeing the Commons at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26, Christina Guzik, sophomore, plans for another three hours of blowing up balloons and hanging up signs and streamers, preparing for the Winter Homecoming festivities. Student Government, along

with other clubs worked out of the limelight to get these jobs accomplished.

Student Government found a way to show their spirit to the rest of the student body by decorating for the fall and winter homecoming dances.

"PTO helped us by getting stuff together and doing the basic decorating for the events," Kevin Cane, junior, said. "The students got into their wall decorating for winter homecoming, and the walls looked really unique and spirited. Everybody seemed to have a lot of fun and enjoyed themselves."

Around theatrical production time, Drama Club worked in the auditorium to prepare the sets and the casts in hopes of a successful performance.

"We did lots of preparations for all of the performances, whether musicals or plays," Nicole Pellegrino, junior, said. "There were so many things to do backstage with sets and makeup; nothing was a small job. Students and the auditorium staff worked really hard to make every performance a complete success and a lot of fun at the same time."

As Christina and other Student Government members helped to clean up the debris in the Commons after the winter homecoming dance, they met a floor covered with deflated balloons, ripped signs and used tickets. Whether decorating for the dances or doing odd jobs behind the scenes of the plays and musical, many tasks lacked glamour, but proved vital to the production.

## Pom Perfection

To improve their dance routine for Regionals, Dance Team members Allison Gott and Christine Patel, juniors, and Christine Thayer, senior, practice extra hours in the Commons in hopes of receiving good scores. The team received second place for the Pom routine and third place dance routine.



## Fine Tuned

While reading their music, seniors Derek Schimming and Brad Wenner play their French horns in band class. "We practiced many hours," Brad said. "The practice paid off when we went to Florida and performed in the parade at Disney World."



## Party Line

In order to complete the decorations for the Homecoming dance, Amanda Salinas, senior, tapes a balloon to the floor to outline the walkway. "Student Government spent a lot of time working on the decorations for the dance," Amanda said.

## Camera Quest

Preparing for the Homecoming pep rally, Jennie Johnson, junior, and Kathy Mueller, senior, decide which cameras to take to the assembly. "Jennie and I often discussed which cameras we were going to use at events," Kathy said.





**Spanish Club:** (*front row*) Kimberly Kendall, Shannon Harvey, Chris Carlos, Megan Higgins, Jill Stout, John Tomazin, Marcia Bazan, Natalie Dukich (*second row*) Diana Huerta, John Keplinger, Candice Kourou, Christy Macak, Jill Sinchak, Milan Medakovic, David Kaplan, Kara Kozlowski, Sonal Gupta (*third row*) Lisa Demkowicz, Robbie Collins, Tim Webb, Evelyn Watterson, Celia Gonzalez, Jon Kutas, Jenny Yamtich, Gina Bassetto (*back row*) Jim Hamblin, Allen Hill, Asim Sheriff, Matt Guanzon, Roger Shieh, Tom Dwards, Michael Stoffregen, David Young, Steve Bembenista



**Spanish Club:** (*front row*) Emily Montgomery, Iris Insurriaga, Sarah Grauvogl, Eric Yttri, Cristina Casas, Andrew Kennedy, Brian Ranade (*second row*) Margaret DeDios, Lisa Pleitner, Ishani Dalal, Ashley Gajda, Lisa Basil, Megan Morley, Nancy Chen, Farah Abbas, Farah Sherif, Sarah Baker (*third row*) Julie Spear, Shannon Zenos, Art Insurriaga, Marissa Riechers, Deepam Rusia, Shardul Shah, Jennifer Lee, Lisa Newcomb, Priti Patwari, Valerie Porras, Sambodhi Das (*back row*) Neha Shah, Colleen Summers, Sadia Najamuddin, Janet Pleitner, Danielle Ramirez, Jenny Nelson, Gina Selent, Audra Peculis, Nisha Doshi, Poonam Shah, Maribeth Sarnecki



**Speech and Debate:** (*front row*) Lisa Kolar, Nicole Pellegrino, Deb Sundi, Ashley Porta, Kevin Cane, Deepam Rusia, Tiffany Sanders, Nisha Doshi (*second row*) Adam Wesolowski, Mahdi Ojagh, Jordan Richardson, Jeff Palmer, Andrew Schumacher, Zoran Balac, Jon Kutas, Roman Teller, John Keplinger (*third row*) Joshua Levin, Evelyn Watterson, Ashley Kaufman, Serafina Coleman, Joey Mandarino, Erick Sherman, Tim Webb, Ryan Trojanaki (*back row*) Rob Branson, Gabe Culberg, David Young, Matt Guanzon, Rob Zacy, Steve Lindemann, Jim Rebesco, David Culberg, Brandon Sweeney



**Speech and Debate:** (*front row*) Amanda Spivey, Colin Kern, Megan Kikales, Rachel Franklin, Di Cox, Lauren Treasurs, Kara Kozlowski, Jennifer Lee (*second row*) Brian Ranade, Colleen Summers, Alexis Boyan, Candice Grant, Terryn Furston, Gadeir Abbas, Samantha Watanapongse, Zal Bilimoria, Kastlin Kovach (*third row*) Matt Domascia, Jaime Shapiro, Chris Carlos, Katie Schiesinger, David Ellis, Amanda Porta, Allison Gray, John Tomazin (*back row*) Cristina Casas, Priti Patwari, Nidhi Kansal, Shardul Shah, Poonam Shah, Sadia Najamuddin, Janushi Dalal, Brad Clark, Karen Lindemann

#### MEMBERS: 73

##### OFFICERS:

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Eric Yttri  
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Cristina Casas  
Corresponding Secretary  
Emily Montgomery  
Treasurer  
Andy Kennedy  
Historian  
Brian Ranade

##### SPONSOR:

Mrs. Anne Whiteley  
**UNparalleled FACT:**  
Raised \$220.76 in a bake sale to buy 25 new blankets for Servant's Heart in Guatemala.

#### MEMBERS: 120

##### OFFICERS:

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Vice President  
Zal Bilimoria  
Recording Secretary  
Shardul Shah  
Corresponding Secretary  
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Treasurer  
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Fortner, Mrs. Sharon  
Porta, Mr. Steve  
Kennedy, Miss Tina  
Yarovsky, Miss  
Katherine O'Connor,  
Mr. James Thorpe, Mrs.  
Eileen Thorpe  
**UNparalleled FACT:**  
Freshman Lenny Weiss,  
sophomore Adam  
Wesolowski, juniors  
Ashley Porta, Kevin  
Cane and Nicole  
Pellegrino, and seniors  
Nina Bilimoria and Jim  
Rebesco defeated their  
District competitor to  
earn a June trip to  
Nationals in Portland,  
OR.



# Marching to own drummers

FROM  
DISNEY  
WORLD TO  
AUDITORIUM  
STAGE,  
STUDENTS  
ENTER BIG  
EVENT  
SPOTLIGHT

Hearing the words "That's a wrap," Justin Ionita, junior, closes his eyes and takes a deep, refreshing breath, ready to begin the editing process of the new episode. As president of the Video Club, Justin and the other members filmed shows that aired on cable access television as a result of their hard work.

"We would spend at least three or four hours each week taping for the shows," Justin said. "The tough part was actually editing the show, and that took the most time. We were able to produce about five shows throughout the year."

Although the culmination of Video Club ended with the production of television shows, other clubs achieved their results through written form.

"Writing for Paragon was stressful because it was in print forever," Stephanie Kelly, junior, said. "Also, the deadlines were hard because you knew that you had to get it done. If you didn't, you were making more work for your friends."

The Band traveled to Orlando, FL to march in the Disney Electrical Street Parade, where they could attend workshops and record Disney songs, along with their own marching song.

"Marching in Disney World was really exciting because there were so many people watching and clapping for us," Kelly Lorenz, senior, said. "I felt like all of our hard work really paid off."

As the editing process comes to a close, Justin and his fellow Video Club members anxiously await the airing of their first cable access show, in hopes that they had eliminated every possible error to ensure that their big event had succeeded.



## Extra, Extra

With a stack of newspapers under her arm, senior partners Jessica Lotak and Kathy Mueller sell the Crier to seniors Carrie Balzer, Liz Carlton, Jenny Dalhoumi and Brittany Stasiak. "It was very satisfying to know that we put all that hard work in the paper for two weeks and then see people come up and buy it," Jessica said.

## Dance With Me

Holding hands on stage, juniors Kaitlin Kovach and Kevin Cane dance in the fall play, *Return to the Forbidden Planet*. Drama Club members spent time at home and at school memorizing their lines.



## Flagged Down

During the Homecoming parade, Katie McGill, junior, waves her flag to the beat of the band's music. The Dance Line marched during Disney's Mainstreet Electrical Parade.

## Instrumental Role

In formation with the rest of the band, Adriana Medynsky, senior, plays her clarinet at the Homecoming halftime performance. "Playing in the band made me feel like a part of the school," Adriana said.



**Speech and Debate:** (front row) Sarah Baker, Raechelle Medellin, Margaret DeDios, Ishani Dalal, Payal Keshvani, Nina Bilimoria, Connie Kuo (second row) Michelle Coduti, Jessica Ruiz, Farah Sherif, Farah Abbas, Vanita Seetharaman, Ryan Miller, Andrew Kennedy, Richelle Medellin (back row) Kelly Amaloo, Uzma Satti, Sonal Gupta, Cindy Koh, Lenny Weiss, Ashley Bowen, Julie Safana, Courtney Mambourg



**Student Government:** (front row) Lisa Rietmann, Julia Bochnowski, Farah Sheriff, Amanda Spivey, Jess Collinsworth, Nina Bilimoria (second row) Alex Feldman, Kaitlin Kovach, Sheri Meyers, Karen Lindemann, Katie Thompson, Christina Guzik, Desiree Ballanco, Sarah Moseley (third row) Jessie Wilks, Zal Bilimoria, Kevin Cane, Katie Gluck, David Ellis, Brittany Fritzsche, Jennifer Lee (back row) Amanda Salinas, Margaret Schaum, David Young, Gabe Culberg, Asim Sheriff, Joey Manderino, Mike Boyle, Zack Jones



**Thespians:** (front row) Morgan Matthews, Megan Graykowsky, Andrew Kennedy, Nicole Pellegrino, Kaitlin Kovach, Elyse Soto (second row) Roman Teller, Mark Olley, Rob Branson, Brandon Sweeney, Kevin Cane, Jodi Rosenthal (back row) Nina Bilimoria, Michelle Sopler, Bethany Shutko, Laura Dunn, Kyle Spear



**Video Club:** (front row) Jovica Balac, Brian Ranade, Jonathan Friedman, Lisa Kolar, Sachin Desai, Dean Fehlau (back row) Zoran Balac, Justin Ionita, David Culberg, Tedi Vlahu, Kyle Matucha, Jeff Palmer, Carolyn Mariner

## MEMBERS: 29

### OFFICERS:

President  
Nina Bilimoria  
Vice President  
Zal Bilimoria  
Secretary  
Stephanie Gill  
Treasurer  
Zack Jones

### SPONSOR:

Mr. Mike Wells

### UNparalleled FACT:

Sold 315 tickets for the Homecoming dance, the most ever.

## MEMBERS: 17

### OFFICERS:

President  
Nicole Pellegrino  
Vice President  
Brandon Sweeney  
Secretary  
Ashley Kaufman  
Treasurer  
Kevin Cane

### SPONSOR:

Mr. Larry Brechner

### UNparalleled FACT:

Sold 315 tickets for the Homecoming dance, the most ever

## MEMBERS: 12

### OFFICERS:

President  
Justin Ionita  
Vice Presidents  
Brian Ranade  
Jeff Palmer

### SPONSOR:

Mr. Mark Barriero

### UNparalleled FACT:

Aired five shows for cable access television.

Student Government

Thespians

Video Club

# UNcanny

people search area  
to find fun and  
excitement

**S**tudents and teachers alike each  
told a story  
Of **UNcanny** tales about unique glory

On Future Day, Assistant Principal  
Mr. Steve Tripenfeldas intrigued  
everyone

Imitating Darth Vader while  
expected by no one

For the first time in history students  
elected twins to lead

As seniors Nina and Zal Bilimoria  
tried to meet students' needs

But for these students, the community  
had much to give

In this small Chicago suburban area  
in which we live

If students wanted a meal fit for kings  
They could trek a few miles for gyros  
or wings

But if they didn't want to wait, they  
could grab a bite to go

And have time to travel to a nearby  
theater to catch the latest show

By finding new activities, students  
made themselves proud  
Turning into individuals who stood  
out from the crowd

## back in black

In his **UNcanny** Darth  
Vader disguise, Mr.  
Steven Tripenfeldas,  
assistant principal,  
walks through the  
Food Court. For  
Winter Home-  
coming Week,  
faculty, ad-  
ministration  
and students  
involved  
themselves in  
the activities.



### **painted warrior**

At the mandatory face painting session before school in the football locker room, Justin Gulotta, freshman, reveals the look of the Ultimate Warrior in black paint.

### **nine to the right**

Working at Showplace 16, Winfield Smith, junior, rips the tickets for sophomores Ed Briganti and Ryan Trojanski. Students herded to Showplace 16 because of the student discount and the locality of the movie theater.



### **looking back**

Before class begins, Ryan McMahan, junior, converses with a friend. Students needed time in school to take a breather from the usual strict lecture and build relationships with each other.

### **happy meal**

After grabbing a bite to eat at McDonald's, juniors Nicole Farnsley and Kyle Matucha enjoy each others company. Around town many restaurants served as hangouts on weekends.



# no time to rest

From new administrator to parking spots, students and faculty deal with new changes

In sunshine, rain or even harsh snow, Mr. Steve Tripenfeldas, assistant principal, devotedly walks around the parking lots before and after school, for a chance to talk with students.

"Although I couldn't be everywhere at once, I tried to spend lots of time in the parking lots or walking through the halls so I had a chance to talk to the students," Mr. Tripenfeldas said.

As his first year at Assistant Principal, Mr. Tripenfeldas learned all the new tasks placed in front of him.

"The job could be a bit overwhelming at times," Mr. Tripenfeldas said. "It required lots of hard work, but I got to see twice as many kids as I did as a teacher, and got to learn more about them and their histories."

In addition to Mr. Tripenfeldas, students also went through several changes. New tennis courts and basketball hoops provided students with updated sports equipment, and students who drove to school bought passes and parked in the same assigned parking spot for the whole year.

"The assigned parking spaces worked

very well," Mr. Michael O'Connor, principal, said. "In previous years we had sold about 200 passes, and this year we sold over 500. Knowing where every student parked kept the school safer."

Through new technology additions, the school took a leap towards the future. Teachers could hook their computers up to their television screens so the whole class could watch and follow along during demonstrations.

With microphones and cameras attached to the ceiling and a big screen television, students entered the Distance Learning lab and listened to lectures from across the country.

"Technology has always been something that you couldn't really be caught up with, so we had to bring in the best technology that we believed we could provide," Mr. O'Connor said.

As he stood by the doorway, Mr. Tripenfeldas ended the day just as it had begun. With a wave and a smile he talked to students as they walked out of the building and past the new tennis courts, quickly making their way towards their assigned parking spots.



## Three's Company

While talking to Assistant Principals Mr. Steve Tripenfeldas and Mr. Donald Zeller, Mr. J.R. Jennings balances his chin on his walkie-talkie. Lunch time gave administrators a chance to talk with each other.





### Leisurely Lunch

Sitting in Community Park on Homecoming, Mr. Mike O'Connor, principal, eats his lunch. After a week of meetings and paperwork, the half day gave Mr. O'Connor a chance to relax before the parade.

### Passing Time

Mr. Steve Irpenfeldas, assistant principal, takes time to talk with Mr. Gary Davis, Physical Education teacher. "The best part of my day was talking to students and faculty in the halls," Mr. Irpenfeldas said.



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Music Theory, Music Appreciation,  
Ensembles, Musical  
Mr. Brent Barton: Westlake Education



Mr. Michael Blaze: Social Studies, Boys' Head  
Swim Coach  
Mr. Larry A. Brechner: Auditorium Director,  
Drama Director  
Ms. Nancy Calderone: American Sign  
Language  
Mrs. Stephanie Casey: English  
Mr. Brian Clark: English, Assistant Varsity  
Football Coach, Assistant Wrestling Coach,  
Boys' Golf Coach



Mrs. Rosemary Cook: English  
Mr. Jim Davidson: Industrial Technology,  
Varsity Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach,  
Girls' Softball Head Coach, Girls' Golf Coach  
Mr. Gary Davis: Boys Physical Education,  
Lifesaving  
Mrs. Cindy Depa: Main Office Secretary  
Mrs. Carrie Diombala: Non-educational Aide



Ms. Therese Dristas: English  
Mrs. Susan Durkin: German, French, English  
Mr. John Edginton: Science, Science  
Department chairperson  
Ms. Kelly Egan: Westlake Education,  
Freshman Cheerleading Coach  
Mr. Fred Elliott: Band Director



Mr. Carl Fields: Art, Assistant Football Coach,  
Senior Class Sponsor  
Mr. Doug Fix: Government  
Mrs. Jane Flaherty: Westlake Education  
Mrs. Carol Florence: Guidance Counselor  
Mr. Don Fortner: Business Department  
chairman, Speech and Debate Coach,  
Freshman Girls' Assistant Volleyball Coach



Mr. Dave Franklin: Biology  
Mr. Paul Gee: Westlake Education  
Mr. Jeff Graves: Chemistry, Physics  
Mrs. Kay Hansen: Guidance Office Aide  
Mrs. Nancy Hastings: Photography,  
Journalism, *Paragon*, *Crier*, Quill and Scroll  
sponsor



Ms. Kelly Haussman: Chemistry  
Mr. Arthur Haverstock: Science  
Ms. Lisa Homer: Mathematics, Sophomore  
Class sponsor  
Mr. J.R. Jennings: Assistant Principal  
Mrs. Dessie Kammer: Guidance Counselor



# young at heart

As year progresses, student-teacher similarities grow, shortening age gaps to prove that teachers are just big kids

As custodians scrubbed out the bathrooms and vacuumed the halls, a lone light remained on in a North hallway. Mrs. Rosemary Cook, English teacher, allowed herself plenty of time to make corrections on tests.

Night owls, like Mrs. Cook, proved that similarities between students and teachers do exist. Grading homework limited faculty member free time, just as it limited a student's free time.

"I was drained

from having to prepare plans for the next day and grading the previous night's assignments," Mrs. Cook said.

She spent up to five hours a night plus weekends catering to her students' needs.

Among student-teacher differences, several likenesses stuck out. Mr. Bob Shinkan, geometry teacher, took the time to coach school athletes.

"I was able to identify with the students through sports," Mr. Shinkan said. "Baseball was something I've always enjoyed and coaching helped me make the most out of it."

As twilight appeared and students settled down for a night of studying, teachers mimicked their students with their own evening of homework.

## Chubby Bunny

With a mouth full of marshmallows, Mrs. Nancy Hastings, journalism teacher, utters the phrase "chubby bunny" in order to receive her gift during *Paragon's* annual Kris Kringle gift exchange.

## Check Mate

Awaiting sophomore Milosh Rajcovic's next move in their chess match, Mr. Jeff Graves, chemistry teacher, plans his strategy. Using Advisory time for some one-on-one, Mr. Graves produced a friendly atmosphere between himself and his students.

Ms. Karen Keller: Westlake Aide  
Ms. Debra Kelley: Auditorium Secretary  
Mr. Jack King: English  
Mr. David Knish: Westlake Education, Boys' Tennis Coach, Boys' Basketball Head Coach, Girls' Tennis Coach  
Mrs. Renee Kouris: English, Drama, Stagecraft, Drama Director

Mrs. Karen Leeth: Athletic Director  
Mr. Marc Lehnere: English, Stagecraft, Speech Coach  
Mrs. Andrea Lemon: Westlake Education  
Mrs. Linda Lemon: English  
Mr. Kent Lewis: Advertising, Entrepreneurship, Fashion Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism, Marketing, DECA sponsor



# beyond the desk

More than just educators, teachers allow students an outlet to share their feelings

Standing outside his classroom before the bell rang, Mr. Steve Wroblewski, math teacher, picks on each of his students before they can even walk through the door.

To keep the atmosphere of his classroom in a positive manner, "Wrob" would answer his phone with sayings like "bat cave," which would humor his students and also confuse the person on the other line.

I liked how 'Wrob' kept the attention of the class in a positive way," Jillian Bonessa, sophomore, said. "I thought it had a lot to do with his personality toward everyone."

Teachers varied their methods and styles of education, depending on their years of experience. Some even broke it down to down to a science.

"Teaching could be done in one of two ways: the first like a science, where you could teach the student and he would regurgitate it. The other was like an art, where the teacher explained it and then they learned from the experience. I taught class like it was an art instead of a science," Mr. Wroblewski said.

Personalities and teaching styles also affected how teachers acted when they taught their class.

"Some teachers were stricter than others, and they would either try to keep you interested or constantly make you think, which was usually boring for the most part in my

opinion," John Vroom, junior, said.

"Mr. Wroblewski would make fun of the students on a daily basis, and it was funny," John said. "I thought that gave him the ability to teach to his students really well."

As Mr. Wroblewski reclines in his chair behind his desk waiting for the bell to release class, he cautiously devises a plan to surprise his next group of unsuspecting students, ready to share another experience.

## College Search

Getting information about college, Derrick Schimming, senior, seeks the advice of Mrs. Dessie Kammer, Guidance counselor. "I wasn't sure of where I wanted to go to college, so I got information to help my decision."



## Loosen Up

Going over grades with freshman Lauren Biel in Advisory, Mr. Mike Coil, biology teacher, keeps up on his students' progress. "It was important to form a bond with students," Mr. Coil said. "School wasn't just about homework and tests, it was about growing up, too."

Mr. Karl Lindens: Orchestra  
Ms. Jennifer Lukisch: Spanish, Freshman Girls' Basketball Coach  
Ms. Paula Malinski: Physical Education  
Mrs. Alyce Mart-Webb: French, French Club sponsor  
Mr. Scott McAlister: Economics, Government, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Assistant Girls' Track Coach





Mr. Rob McCall: English, Varsity Football  
Assistant Coach, Girls' Track Assistant Coach  
Mrs. Eileen Meier: German, German Club  
Sponsor  
Mr. Steve Moell: Mathematics  
Miss Kristine Moore: Mathematics,  
Sophomore Class Sponsor  
Mr. Tim Murphy: Band Director

Mrs. Nancy Newcomb: Keyboarding,  
Computer Applications, Business, Junior Class  
sponsor  
Mrs. Lori Nicholas: Media Specialist  
Mrs. Kathy Olivetto: Guidance Counselor  
Mrs. Susanna Owen: Media Specialist  
Miss Patty Pfister: Food Service

Ms. Valerie Pflum: Mathematics  
Mr. James Prasopoulos: Westlake Education  
Program, Boys' Soccer Head Coach, Freshman  
Boys' Basketball Coach  
Mrs. Patricia Premetz: Pre-Calculus, Math  
Department chairperson  
Mrs. Marilyn Rizzo: Foods, Consumer  
Education  
Mrs. Ruth Robertson: Bookkeeper

Mr. David Russell: English 10, Creative  
Writing  
Mr. Charles Schallhorn: Social Studies, JV  
Girls' Volleyball Coach  
Mr. Robert Shinkank: Geometry, Boys' Varsity  
Baseball Coach, Assistant Varsity Football  
Coach  
Ms. Mary Solis: Attendance/secretary  
Mrs. Rita Spomar: Non-educational aide

Ms. Florencia Stoll: Spanish  
Mr. Corky (Donald) Stopper: Non  
educational aide  
Mrs. Charlene Tsoutsouris: Spanish, Foreign  
Language Department chairperson  
Mr. Don Ullman: Chemistry, Academic  
Competition Team sponsor  
Mrs. Beth Vesa: Algebra, Girls' Basketball  
Assistant Coach, Freshman Girls' Softball  
Coach

Ms. Charlene Walsh: Student Services  
secretary  
Mrs. Jody Weiss: English  
Mrs. Marsha Weiss: Guidance counselor  
Mr. Mike Wells: Science, Student  
Government sponsor  
Mrs. Leigh Ann Westland: English, Dance  
Team Coach

Mrs. Anne Whiteley: Spanish, Spanish Club  
sponsor  
Mr. Stephen Wroblewski: Geometry,  
Computer Mathematics  
Mrs. Mary York: English, English  
Department Chairperson, Speech Coach

Coleen Adley  
Mary Albertson  
Renee Albrecht-mallinger  
Daniel Alspach  
Vanessa Alvarado  
Kelly Amaloo  
Victor Ancich  
Elizabeth Anderson

Renee Anderson  
Madelaine Auble  
Cane Aydin  
Jovica Balac  
Greg Bales  
Richard Balkam  
Matthew Banach  
Liza Banegas

Christopher Barnes  
Tom Barnes  
Branka Bastaic  
Bill Beneventi  
Lauren Biel  
Sophia Blakeley  
Stephanie Bobeck  
Melissa Boeckman

Anna Borgo  
Mark Bottermann  
Ashley Bowen  
Diana Bozovic  
Nicholas Brazinsky  
Dawn Broelmann  
Nathan Burchfield  
Aubrey Burdeau



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## ENTERING A NEW SCHOOL, FRESHMEN FIND NEW CHOICES, **beyond limits** OPTIONS TO EXPERIMENT

### chris carlos, freshman

**Last year went to:** Wilbur Wright Middle School  
**The dress code:** the same but enforced more  
**The one big difference between MHS and eighth grade:** In eighth grade, I felt so much bigger than everyone else; also, here, you get to carry your backpack around and you start thinking differently. You start thinking about dances and social events.  
**Got involved in the sport:** tennis. I always liked it and I wished WWMS had a team.  
**Got involved in the clubs:** Spanish and Speech. I always wanted to be active but there weren't many activities I liked at Wilbur Wright.  
**Largest problem at MHS:** was putting up with the seniors. They push me around.

### kelly miller, freshman

**Last year went to:** St. Thomas More.  
**The dress code:** worse, because I like to express my individuality.  
**The one big difference between MHS and eighth grade:** there is more freedom at MHS, we are given more choices with more classes.  
**Got involved in the sport:** track. Last year we had it but we had to go to WWMS.

**Largest problem at MHS:** finding classes at the start of school because MHS is bigger.  
**At Munster:** made lots of new friends that I didn't know from St. Toms.

### ben swift, freshman

**Last year went to:** home-schooled since sixth grade, because my parents decided I could go farther than the other kids; it brought the family closer together.  
**The one big difference between MHS and eighth grade:** MHS is a lot longer. At home-school I could get up whenever and do my work whenever I wanted.  
**Got involved in the sports:** swimming and track. You can do those at a local school until ninth grade.  
**Largest problem at MHS:** adjusting to the six-hour day. I'm used to being independent, learning my way instead of the way everyone else does.  
**At Munster:** I met new people.  
**Decided to come to Munster:** to participate in sports.

### swift decision

After getting his distinctive hair cut before Boys Swimming Sectionals, Ben Swift, freshman, looks at hair products in Salon 101. Swimming enticed Ben to attend public school after years of learning at home.





Jason Byttow  
Alexander Calovic  
Aaron Camcron  
Stephanie Campbell  
Lydia Carle  
Christopher Carlos  
Korina Chapman  
Aaron Cheek

Bryan Cheek  
Alexander Cheng  
Natalie Giliopert  
Marica Coduti  
Daniel Cohen  
Robbie Collins  
Steven Coulis  
Diana Cox

Douglas Coyle  
Megan Coyne  
Allison Crany  
Terence Crouch  
James Cuban  
Laura Cuevas  
Gabriel Culberg  
Janushi Dalal

Arnab Dasgupta  
Tim Daugherty  
Adam Del Rio  
Gabrielle DeLuna  
Keith DeMars  
Lisa Demkowicz  
Michael Depa  
Amie DeRolf

## new experiences

Acting out their duo, "God's Favorite," freshmen Lenny Weiss and Gabe Culberg practice their lines. Lenny and Gabe's hard work paid off when they won the Novice Scripted Duo division at the Jan. 22 Munster speech meet



## new and different

**73%** went to Wilbur Wright (13% went to St. Thomas More; 3% went to St. Paul's Lutheran; 0.9% chose home-schooling; 8% went to other schools)

**80%** wore a similar dress code at their old schools (18% wore uniforms at their old schools)

Students discover new opportunities, more lenient rules as they grow up

**95%** of those who wore uniforms like the MHS dress code more

**52%** believed MHS challenged them more than their old schools (12% said their old schools challenged them more than MHS; 11% found MHS rules stricter

than their old schools; 23% said other)

**33%** participated in clubs not offered at their own school (17% participated in one sports season; 16% participated in two sports; 7% participated in three seasons)

111 students surveyed



Melissa Diekelmann  
Andrew Doesburg  
Matthew Domasica  
Brian Downing  
Kimberly Drapac  
Natalie Dukich  
Shaun Dunn  
Kristine Duray

Thomas Dwars  
Esther Economou  
Jeff Edens  
David Ellis  
Steven Fandl  
Elizabeth Fattore  
Alexander Feldman  
Ivan Fitzgerald

Sabrina Flores  
Steven Flores  
Kara Ford  
Stacy Frank  
Sara Frigo  
Carly Funston  
Jeffrey Furticella  
Ashley Gajda

Steven Garcia  
Nikki Gauthier  
Gary Ghezzi  
Christine Gilbert  
Andrew Given  
Justin Glaser  
Kristen Gleason  
Joseph Gogolak



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## double take

EIGHT SETS OF TWINS WALK DOWN HALLS, ALTHOUGH FEW SETS SHARE SIMILAR INTERESTS

### richelle medellin, freshman

**Favorite subject:** Spanish. I've grown up around the language and it came easy to me.

**Favorite activity out of school:** Dancing ballet and pointe. It was good exercise, and fun, too.

**Biggest difference between them:** People who didn't know us wouldn't know at first, but our personality is different. I was probably more bubbly, and she was quieter. She was also taller.

**Best thing to do with twin:** We were all involved in the same things, and we had similar interests. We did everything together.

### raechelle medellin, freshman

**Favorite subject:** Biology. Some of what we learned was amazing to find out. I liked the genetics part, and learning about twins best.

**Favorite activity out of school:** I liked to dance. Although it was exercise, it wasn't work. It was expressive, and really fun.

**Biggest difference between the two:** She was more outgoing and athletic. I liked the arts. People who hung around us thought we looked totally different based on our personalities.

**Best thing to do with twin:** I knew I always had a partner or someone for me to go to the movies with. She was my best friend, too.

### elaine hansen, freshman

**Favorite subject:** English. It was easier to understand, and it interested me more than my other classes in school.

**Favorite activity out of school:** I liked to buy things, and shopping was a lot of fun for me.

**Biggest difference between them:** Our personality. We thought differently, and Emily was better than me in different subjects at school.

**Best thing to do with twin:** I liked to go to the mall every other weekend with her, and it was fun because we hung out with the same people.

### emily hansen, freshman

**Favorite subject:** Math was my favorite because I understood it better than the other classes I took.

**Favorite activity out of school:** Shopping. You could do it all day and not get tired of it. My parents paid, but if we did, I wouldn't go nearly as often.

**Biggest difference between the two:** I wore glasses, but people still confused us because they would sometimes mix our names up.

**Best thing to do with twin:** It was definitely shopping. We liked to hang out and we got along well, but sometimes we disagreed on certain things. I'd rather be with her though, so we tried to get along as best that we could.





Michael Colombo  
Serafima Golemba  
James Gonzalez  
Celia Gonzalez  
Matthew Gornal  
Jamie Gray  
Corey Greenya  
Nicole Greger

Austin Grow  
Justin Gulotta  
Sonal Gupta  
Daniel Cutridge  
Lauren Hamblin  
Kate Hanas  
Elaine Hansen  
Emily Hansen

Megan Harker  
Jeffrey Harris  
Alyssa Hathaway  
Valerie Hauer  
Caitlin Hawryszkow  
Amy Hayes  
Anthony Hayes  
Mary Heaney

Melissa Heinemann  
Michael Heilen  
Shane Hendron  
Andrew Heneghan  
Christopher Herr  
Elizabeth Herrin  
Megan Higgins  
Jillian Hmutovic



### finishing touches

With a quick glance in their mirrors, freshman twins Emily and Elaine Hansen prepare for their day at school in the Guidance Office. "I didn't like taking the bus, and my mom worked at school and took us early," Emily said. "While we were there, we got ready for school."

### inside joke

In the Food Court, Amanda Porta, freshman, Ariana Rebesco, sophomore, and Lisa Rietmann, freshman, share a laugh with other members of the Lady Seahorses. Lisa, along with her twin sister Nicole, made up just one of the eight sets of twins in the freshman class.

### sibling support

**based on your family, what is your birth order?**

**39%** oldest child

**36%** youngest child

**17%** in between

**8%** only children

**if you have any siblings, what do you rely on them most heavily for?**

**43%** for friendship

**24%** help out with chores

**15%** protection from parents

**13%** a ride to school

**5%** help with homework

*202 students surveyed*

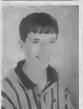
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Robert Hoffman  
Tracey Hoffman  
Anthony Hofstra  
James Hofstra  
Ian Holloway  
Zachary Holobowski  
Jennifer Hostetter-Wolak



Randall Hoyle  
Diana Huerta  
Donald Hummel  
Arthur Inzuniga  
John Jamich  
Andrew Jayjack  
Amber Jernigan  
Lauren Jones



Tamara Jones  
Dushak Joshi  
Jason Jozwiak  
James Kaczka  
Krystina Kakol  
Michael Kalina  
Nidhi Kansal  
Joshua Kavanagh



Payal Keshvani  
Rachel Kevin  
Joshua Kmiec  
Nicole Knight  
Matthew Kocel  
Cynthia Koh  
Jamie Korey  
Philip Koscielski



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# newcomers

### tim platek, freshman

I was different because: I excelled in two sports: I lettered in tennis, I played on the Freshman Basketball Team and played Varsity golf.

**Special awards or achievements:** golf tournaments, Optimist Junior Golf Tour, lettering in tennis.

**GPA:** 3.9

**Clubs or sports involved in:** tennis, basketball, golf, speech and debate

**Typical freshman:** to fit in with the rest of the kids, do well in classes; playing a sport is an added bonus.

**Switching schools:** new people, learning all the new faces, sports were more competitive, which made it more fun.

**Motivation:** at an early age, my parents taught me to do well. I am very particular about my work and I would be disappointed if I fell short.

**Hours per week spent doing homework and sports:** 15 hours per week

## EXCELLING IN SPORTS AS WELL AS ACADEMICS, FRESHMEN BREAK CLICHED STEREOTYPES

### lisa rietmann, freshman

I was different because: more active and I kept my grades up.

**Special awards and achievements:** the Jon Jepsen Award, a leadership in swimming honor, and trophies for basketball.

**GPA:** 4.13

**Clubs or sports involved in:** Student Government, volleyball, swimming, track

**Typical freshman:** keep grades up, be active, achieve goals, form what you want for later in life.

**Switching schools:** high school appeared more intense, sports demand more, more stressful, grades actually matter.

**Motivation:** swimming and my parents taught me a lot about sticking to commitments.

**Hours per week spent on homework and sports:** 36-40 hours per week

### the name game

#### most common girls

Kelly (5)  
Lauren (4)  
Stephanie (3)  
Renee (2)  
Diana (2)

#### boys

David (6)  
Christopher (5)  
Adam (4)  
Matthew (4)  
Andrew (3)

#### uncommon

##### girls

Vita  
Simal  
Linnea  
Mirijana  
Serafima

##### boys

Liam  
Shyam  
Ivan  
Mario  
Arnab



Jessica Kovach  
Kara Kozlowski  
Anna Kretz  
Laura Krolak  
Peter Kubacki  
Phillip Kubacki  
Connie Kuo  
Jonathan Kutas

Kyle Kutlik  
Jennifer LaFond  
Mirjana Lakich  
Katherine Landowski  
Vita Lazauskas  
Megan Leahy  
Michael Lee  
Mary Leitelt

Melissa Leslie  
Joshua Lewin  
Matthew Lewis  
Jeffrey Luptak  
Nathan Mack  
Courtney Mambourg  
Jocly Manderino  
Kelly Markovich

Brittany Marschak  
Jennifer Maruszczak  
Benjamin Massie  
Brian Mayer  
Michael McCullough  
Milan Medakovic  
Raechelle Medellin  
Ruchelle Medellin

### out to lunch

While socializing at lunch with Coleen Adley, freshman, Lauren Biel, freshman, finishes her salad. Just a few tables over, freshmen David York, Jason Joswiak, Phillip Kubacki and Shaun Dunn eat their lunches. David, along with Lauren and 37 other freshmen shared common names in the Freshman Class.



### from head to toe

**Tallest Boy:**  
Nate Burchfield 6'5"

**Tallest Girl:**  
Ann-Marie Sands 5'10"

**Shortest Boy:**  
Dan Alspach 5'2"

**Shortest Girl:**  
Neema Shah 4'11"

### come to pass

While holding her algebra book, Gina Nuzzo, freshman, stops in the hall with Ann-Marie Sands, freshman, to socialize between classes. As one of the tallest girls in her class, Ann-Marie stands out and tops the list.



Marko Medynsky  
Dominique Mercier  
Leah Merkel  
Karol Mielnicki  
Lauren Mikler  
Kelly Miller  
Ryan Miller  
Jessica Montella

Kelly Montella  
Erik Moore  
Dustin Moriarty  
Sarah Moseley  
Kristina Mueller  
Caitlin Muir  
Lee Murphy  
Lisa Murray

Valerie Myszak  
Brett Navarro  
Jennifer Nelson  
Jeffrey Newcomb  
Derek Newell  
Tom Newman  
Richard Nichols  
David Noel

Ryan Novotney  
Maxwell Ntiamaoh  
Cina Nuzzo  
Kelley O'Brien  
Shannon O'Keefe  
Dan Ogren  
Jawad Omery  
Benjamin Oprinovich



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# riding along

WITHOUT CARS OR LICENSES,  
FRESHMEN LOOK FOR ALTERNATIVE  
WAYS TO GET AROUND

## without a ride

"Once my mom went shopping and forgot that I was still at school. I had to get a ride home with my teacher,"  
**Lisa Demkowicz, freshman**

"Once me and my friends went to a late movie. No one picked us up, so a police officer took us home,"  
**Kara Kozlowski, freshman**

"One winter night I was at my tutor's house and my mom didn't pick me up so I had to walk home in the cold,"  
**Gabe Culberg, freshman**

"Once I was late for softball tryouts, so I started walking and took a ride from a stranger to get there on time,"  
**Megan Higgins, freshman**

## ready to go

Before school, Nicole Williamson, freshman, waits in her sister Sara's car for a ride. Parents got a break from driving younger kids to school when older siblings took to the road.





James Osborne  
Christopher Pack  
Amy Parker  
Leslie Parker  
Keith Partain  
Jillian Pasztor  
Russel Patel  
Shyam Patel

Patrick Patterson  
Matthew Peach  
Audra Peculis  
Lisa Penman  
Sarah Pfeifer  
James Phelan  
Timothy Platek  
Alex Pilawski

Janet Pleitner  
Jonathan Pleitner  
Amanda Porta  
Greg Pistori  
Crystal Prahlow  
Lindsey Puterko  
Paul Raddatz  
Danielle Ramirez

Joseph Ramirez  
Phillip Resler  
Kyle Rice  
Lisa Rietmann  
Nicole Rietmann  
Ben Rindner  
Angela Ritchie  
Michael Roman



### crusin' along

After school, Dan Cohen, freshman, gets a ride from his senior brother Adam. Freshmen lucky enough to have older brothers or sisters with cars found easier options getting from place to place.

### stand by

While waiting outside, Ashley Bowen and Diane Huerta, freshmen, flag down a ride. Without being able to drive themselves, many freshmen worried about missing rides and being stranded at the school or other places.

### getting around

From bus passes to siblings, freshmen turn to others

**59%** bought a bus pass

**40%** of those with a bus pass rode the bus on a daily basis

**42%** got rides to most places, like school, from their parents

**20%** had older brothers or sisters who could take them places

**18%** got rides from older friends who had cars and licenses

**8%** relied only on themselves, and walked or rode their bikes when they needed to get places

167 freshmen surveyed

Patricia Roman-Lagunas  
Adam Rottschild  
Ryan Rueth  
Jessica Ruiz  
Alana Salata  
Amy Sallanovitz  
Chad Samara  
Ann-Marie Sands



Warren Santrner  
Maribeth Sarnecki  
Katherine Schlesinger  
Jennifer Schmelzer  
Patrick Scully  
Gina Selent  
Samantha Seligman  
John Semko



Amit Shah  
Neema Shah  
Jaime Shapiro  
Jessica Sherman  
Kristen Shofner  
Paul Sikora  
Crystal Simpson  
Jill Sinchak



Liam Singer  
Samantha Skaggs  
Steven Skalka  
Joseph Skertich  
Kristi Skrundz  
Lindsay Smaron  
Steven Smith  
Jenna Snedden



Laura Somenzi  
Kristin Sopata  
Melody Spasoff  
Helen Sroka  
Madelyne Stenger  
Brett Stewart  
Michael Stoffregen  
Nicholas Stone



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# close call SAYINGS

### stupid sayings

**"Mr. (John) Terry (mathematics teacher,) was explaining the homework to us, and he said it was a piece of cake. Then one student asked him if he could eat it,"**  
**Meg Harker, freshman**

**"Once Jeff Newcomb, (freshman,) yelled out loud, saying that he came to school to learn and not to hear everyone talk. It was hilarious because no one got upset because they couldn't do work,"** Adam Stuebe, freshman

**"It was silent in Biology, so I said, 'Duh, nobody wants to play with me,' and I thought it would be funny, but no one laughed and I felt really stupid. Mr. (Dave) Franklin laughed at me, and I felt even worse,"**  
**Gabe Culberg, freshman**

**"In one of my classes, someone asked the teacher if she did drugs, and she was being completely serious when she said it. The whole class thought she was kidding,"**  
**Dan Cohen, freshman**





Benjamin Stork  
Marc Strick  
Amanda Studniarz  
Adam Stuebe  
Benjamin Swift  
Brian Szymanski  
Christine Taber  
Nicholas Thiera

Tiffany Thomas  
Brandon Thompson  
John Tomazin  
Emilia Toppe  
Lauren Treasure  
Adam Tremaine  
Simal Turan  
Ashley Velchek

Stephanie Volkoff  
David Votteler  
Nicholas Vrabel  
David Watson  
Lenny Weiss  
Miguel White  
Linnea Wiancek  
Kathryn Wickland

Nicole Williamson  
Roberta Yates  
David York  
Lucas Yothment  
Emily Yttri  
Shannon Zenos  
Mario Zerngast  
Victor Zerngast

Jennifer Zivich

### speaking out

how many phone lines do you have?

**50%** have two lines (41% have one; 6% have three; 3% have more than three)

do you have your own line?

**86%** do not (14% do)

what are the extra lines used for?

**52%** surf the Internet (18% family use; 14% personal use; 8% fax; 8% family business)

### cellular call

Instead of walking home from school, Mike Stoffregen, freshman, uses his cell phone to find a ride. "I owned one because it was a lot easier when I needed a ride from my parents, but it was nice to call friends," Mike said.



### happy birthday

Slightly embarrassed at having her friends surprise her, Danielle Ramirez, freshman, laughs while freshman friends Janet Pleitner and Crystal Simpson watch with Joe Fray, sophomore. Students showed that they cared by purchasing balloons and assorted gifts for their friends to carry around the hall.



Gadeif Abbas  
Ashraf Abu-aita  
Jessica Acosta  
Monica Aldulescu  
Anwar Ali  
Nathaniel Angel  
Ginger Anthony  
Katharine Austgen



Sarah Baker  
Nickolas Bakker  
John Balicki  
Joshua Balster  
Lindsay Baranowski  
Andrea Barber  
Daniel Barton  
Marcia Bazan



Michelle Bembenista  
Christina Bernacchi  
Brooke Berry  
Kyle Bieda  
Robert Bielawski  
Jaime Blakeley  
Ilene Blumberg  
Nicholas Bokowsky



Jillian Bonessa  
Alexis Boyan  
Joshua Bradish  
Elizabeth Bradley  
Tara Brennan  
Ed Briganti  
Nicholas Bularzik  
Jacqueline Burkat



### signing on

Online services provide sophomores with ways to talk to friends, gather information for reports, play games, or do homework. By signing online, a world of possibilities opens.

**36%** spend less than one hour online (20% spend one or two hours each night online, 14% spend two to three hours a night online)

**77%** mainly chat with friends while they are online

**46%** look for information online (24% get homework help online)

**25%** play games online by

*105 students surveyed*

### one click away

As his computer starts up, Jake Englebrecht, sophomore, awaits to sign online. Students not only used their computers to type up class assignments, but they also turned to the Internet to research topics or converse with friends.





Kathleen Caine  
Marcos Campos  
Simone Castaneda  
Adam Castor  
Danny Chambers  
Steven Chovanec  
Tommy Clark  
Jamilyn Clause

Leonardo Coduti  
George Colakovic  
Jessica Collinsworth  
Michael Comer  
Jeffrey Cook  
Kelle Creighton  
Elizabeth Criswell  
Brian Curtis

Sambodhi Das  
David Dausch  
Dorian Davis  
Stephanie Davis  
Keith Dell'Aquila  
Steven Desanovic  
Andrew DeYoung  
Christina Diostanzo

Megan Dines  
Nemanja Djurovic  
Nikola Djurovic  
Tony Doesburg  
Jacqueline Doescher  
Eric Drabensott  
Matthew Drapac  
David Dziubczynski

## SOPHOMORES FIND WAYS TO TALK TO FRIENDS, PLAY GAMES, FINISH HOMEWORK AS THEY SIGN ONLINE

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# net surfing



### fact finding

In order to find information for a class project, sophomores Brian Hmurovich, Nicole Miller and Megan Dines wait for the results to pop onto the screen in the Media Center. Computers with Internet access allowed students to gather information with only a few clicks.

### online ode

"I liked to play games online because you can download them for free and play with people across the country,"  
**Sal Salas, sophomore**

"The Internet helped me a lot with shopping for things that were hard to find elsewhere, like books by my favorite author Artono Perez-Reverte,"  
**Christina Bernacchi, sophomore**

"The Internet is easier to get information off of, and has more stuff than a library. It's way quicker and easier,"  
**Adam Wesolowski, sophomore**

"I liked going online because it let me talk to a bunch of people at once, instead of just one at a time,"  
**Erin Kolb, sophomore**

Gregory Eckrich  
Lauren Eidam  
Elisse Elias  
Jake Engelbrecht  
Kristen Evans  
Ann Fabert  
Raymond Fandl  
Bradley Farnsley

Jenny Fell  
Eric Flaris  
Eric Ford  
Rachel Franklin  
Joseph Fray  
Jeff French  
Laura Gabrys  
Jordan Ghezzi

Elliott Gibbs  
Hillary Gibbs  
Megan Gleason  
Cina Glueckert  
Sharon Goldyn  
Grant Golonka  
Elizabeth Grady  
Candice Grant

Matthew Grantner  
Aaron Gray  
Katie Greenock  
Rebecca Gribble  
Holly Grunewald  
Matthew Guanzon  
Gayle Guerra  
Christina Guzik

David Ha  
David Hansen  
Edward Harrington  
Shannon Harvey  
Brian Hawk  
Kyle Hayes  
Jenine Herr  
Becky Herron



STUDENTS FIND METHODS TO COPE WHILE  
ARTIFICIALLY POWERLESS, PROVING THEY  
**technical help** CAN HAVE FUN EVEN  
WITHOUT ELECTRICITY

#### lights out

**"I'd definitely bother my brother because I'd have nothing better to do. Otherwise, I'd try to go outside and have fun,"**  
Julie Spear, sophomore

**"I'd have to find a light to find my way around, or go bike riding to occupy my time. Otherwise I'd just sit and do nothing because there was never anything to do,"**  
Joel Moosmiller, sophomore

**"Knowing me, I'd probably sleep. But if my friends were over, I would throw a party, and we could play foosball. If I couldn't do that, then I'd try to finish any work or exercise to keep myself busy,"**  
Katie Thompson, sophomore

**"I would set up a tent outside in my backyard, and have a big campfire and invite all of my friends over so we could go camping,"**  
Karen Lindemann, sophomore

**"I'd try to get ahead on homework and light some candles to keep me company. I'd try to relax and read some magazines, and if not, I'd catch up on my sleep,"**  
Adam Spungen, sophomore

**"I would play card games with my friends because cards kept you busy, and I would light some candles so that I could see my cards,"**  
James Pavisian, sophomore



Allen Hill  
Brian Hmurowich  
Wendy Hoffman  
Jayne Holly  
Don Hummel  
Timothy Hunt  
James Hus  
Adam Jadryev

Joseph Jakisch  
Ashley Jasevicius  
Laura Joens  
David Kaplan  
Nickita Karalis  
Kurt Keil  
Kenneth Keilman  
Sarah Kelley

Kimberly Kendall  
Colin Kern  
Nicholas Kikalos  
James Knight  
Jonathan Kocsis  
Dan Kohnen  
Erin Kolb  
Olivia Kompier

Katie Kooy  
Lisa Koscielski  
Bryan Kowalczyk  
Joseph Kudlo  
Afton Kurth  
Kevin Kutansky  
Zachary Lambert  
Alice Lanman

Daniel Larson  
Andrew Lautz  
Jennifer Lee  
Thomas Lee  
Michelle Leverenz  
Karen Lindemann  
Joshua Lipton  
Michael Liszka



### quiet time

Instead of using A lunch as a time to eat, Rachel Kevin, freshman, spends time in the library doing extra work. "A lot of times I went there to study, surf the Internet or check my email," Rachel said. "It was convenient, and a lot quieter than the Food Court."

### point and click

With their headsets on, Michelle Peiguss, sophomore, and Jon Fleitner, freshman, work during their French 2 class. "The computers helped me think more, and they were more hands on," Michelle said.

hooked up



Hannah Lodge  
David Los  
Ronald Lukowski  
Leah Majszak  
Chuck Mamich  
Laura Mann  
Amanda Manoski  
Eric Martin

Jillian Martin  
Megan Maruszczak  
Margaret Mask  
Kevin Maslankowski  
Talia Matury-Vacaro  
Louis Mazza  
Lisa McCloud  
Samantha McCurties

Justin Medrano  
Angela Meyers  
Matthew Nikiels  
Nicole Miller  
Krystle Montella  
Emily Montgomery  
Joel Moosmiller  
Lauren Morelli

Mohamad Muehle  
Lisa Newcomb  
Corey Newman  
Matthew Nierengarten  
Krisiti Nishimura  
Blake Noland  
Jill Noworyta  
Bradley Nykiel

Katherine O'Block  
Paul Obszanski  
Mahdi Ojagh  
Elizabeth Olley  
Bilal Omery  
Stephen Paarlberg  
Kathryn Paliga  
Gojko Pamukar



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# MOVIES, VIDEO GAMES PROVIDE SOPHOMORES CHOICES FOR on screen ENTERTAINMENT

## big screen

"I wasn't able to go to the movies every week. I just couldn't afford it.

By the time you paid for your ticket, pop, candy and popcorn, that was like \$15 down the hole. I would have much rather saved it for something else,"

**Katie Paliga, sophomore**

"Without video games, I would have been lost. I was used to coming home from school, sitting down and relaxing while I popped in Coolboarders on Playstation,"

**Jaime Blakeley, sophomore**

"I didn't watch the movies that were nominated for the Oscars because I believed they were all sinful. In a way I guess I was really religious. I liked to watch a Christian comedy and listen to Christian Rock,"

**Rosey Petrone, sophomore**

"I was used to watching comedies.

If it was up to me I would have elected *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me* onto the board for Best Picture in the Academy Awards," **Bilal Omery, sophomore**

## games people play

**66%** have a Nintendo (65% have a Nintendo 64; 63% have a Super Nintendo; 36% have an Atari system; 13% have a Sega Dreamcast )

**34%** voted NFL2K as the best video game of the year (20% voted for Twisted Metal; 13% voted for Final Fantasy VII; 10% voted for Pokemon; 5% voted for Tomb Raider)

100 students surveyed

## video viewing

Purchasing a game at FuncoLand, Tedi Vlahu, sophomore, prepares to spend some quality time in front of his television. To keep themselves busy, students bought or rented video games in addition to watching regular television programs to relax.





Steven Paradzinski  
Nihar Patel  
James Pavisian  
Gintaras Peculis  
Michelle Peiguss  
Gina Pelagalli  
Rosey Petrone  
Sean Pkosz

Christine Piorkowski  
Jennifer Pizzuto  
Jill Powley  
Jeremy Pozdral  
Fawn Prahlrow  
Ambika Prasad  
Donna Prole  
Lea Pupillo

Christopher Pykosz  
Douglas Quasny  
Milo Rajkovic  
Erica Rangul  
Ariana Rebeco  
Jordan Richardson  
Austin Ridgeway  
Marissa Reichers

Joseph Rogan  
Mike Rosen  
Stephanie Rosenbaum  
Jodi Rosenthal  
Timothy Roy  
Desiree Royal  
Deepam Rusia  
Philip Sajn

Marisa Saucedo  
Joseph Schmiedl  
Stephanie Schrage  
Megan Schutz  
Vanita Seetharaman  
Mark Sellers  
Rachel Sepul  
Lindsey Serna

### movie madness

**38%** go to the movies twice a month (26% go monthly; 22% go less than once a month)

**47%** selected "The Sixth Sense" as Best Film (30% chose "The Green Mile"; 15% chose "American Beauty")

**49%** would rent a comedy at the video store (27% selected horror; 24% selected action/thriller)

256 students surveyed

### oscar reality

**Best Picture**  
"American Beauty"  
**Best Director**  
Sam Mendes, "American Beauty"  
**Best Actor**  
Kevin Spacey, "American Beauty"  
**Best Actress**  
Hilary Swank, "Boys Don't Cry"

72nd Academy Awards ceremony,  
March 26



Farah Sheriff  
Marie Sherwood  
Roger Shueh  
Jennifer Shike  
Funice Shin  
Drake Sikich  
Jonathan Silverman  
Gabriel Sivaja

Adam Slaboski  
Steven Slater  
Lauren Smith  
Lisa Smith  
Stephanie Smith  
Gregg Sorrels  
Jason Spasoff  
Julie Spear

Angela Speziale  
Amanda Spivey  
Karl Spork  
Adam Spungen  
Ilya Stetsovsky  
Brian Stier  
Katherine Stine  
Kyle Strandberg

Daniel Strzempka  
Julie Sufana  
Colleen Summers  
Justin Sund  
Mark Susoreny  
Jason Szanyi  
Adam Tepper  
Sarah Theile



## SOPHOMORES EXPRESS LOVE FOR MUSIC BY GOING TO CONCERTS, BUYING CDS

### sound off

#### cd popularity

**"The sound quality you got and the convenience made CDs worth the fairly cheap price,"**

**James Olaosebikan, sophomore**

**"CDs were very cheap and portable, they went anywhere and lasted forever,"**

**Evy Watterson, sophomore**

**"It wasn't very easy for sophomores to go to concerts, therefore, I liked CDs because you could listen to them in the comfort of your own home,"**

**Yasemin Zeytinoglu, sophomore**

**"Instead of going to a concert, you could just pop a CD in and listen to your favorite music,"**

**Gojko Pamucar, sophomore**

#### all about CDs

**73%** prefer to go to a concert (27% prefer a CD)

**62%** buy 0-2 CDs per month (27% buy 3-4; 5% buy 5-6 and 5% buy 7+)

**92%** spend their extra money on CDs (4% buy sheet music; 3% buy tapes)

**53%** own a burned CD (48% don't have any burned CDs)

258 surveyed





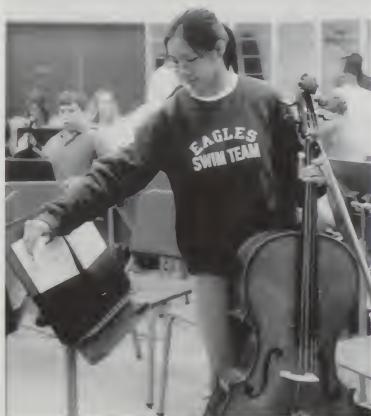
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Daniel Wick  
Jesse Wilke  
Kara Williams  
Garry Williamson  
Jessica Wilson

Cynthia Wisniewski  
Brian Young  
Melissa Zacharias  
Rob Zacny  
Stephanie Zeck  
Yasemin Zeytinoglu  
Lauren Ziemba  
Kevin Zurek

Laurie Zurek  
Robert Zyzalo



### note worthy

With music part of their daily class routine, Monica Aldulescu, sophomore, listens to tune her instrument. Just a few seats over, Samantha

Watanapongse, sophomore, packs up her cello and neatly files her music away. With sharp hearing as their tool, Orchestra students tuned themselves before playing.

### going grammy

**54%** selected "Smooth" - Santana featuring Rob Thomas as Record of the Year (21% picked "No Scrubs"; 18% picked "I Want It That Way")

**47%** selected "Supernatural" - Santana as Album of the Year (25% chose "Fanmail"; 14% chose "Millennium")

**51%** chose "Smooth" - Santana featuring Rob Thomas as Song of the Year (16% voted for "I Want It That Way"; 11% voted for "Unpretty")

**39%** chose Kid Rock as Best New Artist (31% picked Christina Aguilera; 23% picked Britney Spears)

134 surveyed

### the real deal

**record of the year**  
"Smooth" - Santana  
featuring Rob Thomas  
**album of the year**  
"Supernatural" - Santana  
**song of the year**  
"Smooth" - Santana  
featuring Rob Thomas  
**best new artist**  
Christina Aguilera

42nd Annual GRAMMY  
Awards presentation,  
Feb. 23



Farah Abbas  
Angela Adams  
David Ahlf  
Joshua Alcala  
Daniel Anderson  
Jordan Anderson  
James Anthony  
Michael Anthony

Marisa Anzur  
Michael Bahner  
Zoran Balac  
Karla Bales  
Brian Balkam  
Desiree Ballanco  
Steven Balucki  
Steven Banach

Jonathan Banaskak  
Nagisa Banks  
Zachary Barlow  
Matthew Barney  
Lisa Basil  
Gina Bassetto  
Erica Becchino  
Steven Bembenista

Ankur Bhatt  
Christine Blaine  
Amy Blue  
Julia Bochnowski  
Clinton Bohling  
Sara Boomsma  
Scott Boudi  
Michael Boyle

Robert Branson  
Mary Broelmann  
Tiffany Brown  
Suzanne Bulfer  
Sarah Bunting  
Candace Calderon  
Dean Calovic  
Caroline Camp

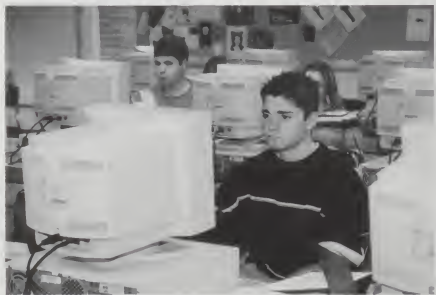


### problem solved

on average

|     |                                                                              |     |                                                                                                |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | most common reason a student received an ISS was failure to serve a Saturday | 2.5 | In school suspensions given to students per day                                                |
| 8.5 | detentions given to students per day                                         | 1   | most common reason students received a suspension was drug pledge violations on school grounds |
| 40  | detentions given to students per week                                        | 12  | In-school suspensions given to students per week                                               |

source: Student Services



### wishful thinking

To accurately place the graph on his homework for Computer Graphics, Tom Mourikis, junior, concentrates on perfecting the measurements. "That was a class where you had to watch every move you made, otherwise mistakes were pretty common," Tom said.

### careful precision

Cautiously putting a piece of magnesium into the Bunsen burner, juniors Ellie Porte and Sarah Sands test the chemical reaction during Chemistry. "Everyone made a mistake in a lab," Ellie said. "Breaking a test tube was probably the most common."



Kevin Cane  
Michael Carew  
Katherine Caruso  
Cristina Casas  
John Castor  
Sonia Chand  
Nancy Chen  
Chris Chindris

Lolita Christopher  
Courtney Chung  
Brad Clark  
Michelle Costuti  
Michael Cronin  
David Culberg  
Ishani Dalal  
David Daniels

Abigail DeBoer  
Margaret DeDios  
Kyle Deluna  
Kelly Dickens  
Marija Djokic  
Nikolas Djuric  
Julie Donnowitz  
Nisha Doshi

Sachin Doshi  
Jason Doubt  
Ralph Downing  
Justin Drossos  
Kimberly Duesing  
Amy Dungey  
Laura Dunn  
Jessica Economou

Adam Evans  
Melissa Falgier  
Nicole Farnsley  
Dean Fehlau  
Saralyn Feinberg  
Rebecca Fine  
Ryan Fissinger  
Leah Flick

## STUDENTS RECOVER TO LEARN LESSONS FROM THEIR BLUNDERS **by mistake**

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### live and learn

**"I was too critical and sometimes I got in trouble for it. I learned that I can hurt people easily and I didn't want to. I learned that I had to be more careful with the words I chose,"**  
Andrea Williams, junior

**"I was too lazy when I took a U.S. History test and I thought I had a lot of time but I really didn't and when the bell rang I was no where near done. I learned that I had to use my time wisely instead of using it up on nothing,"**  
Pete Vander Sluis, junior

**"When I blew off my first semester of Chemistry by not doing too well on my notebook, I thought I was in trouble. Even though it turned out to be okay, I learned I should be careful on assignments and always keep track of my grades,"**  
Demetra Marinou, junior

**"I quit soccer to play football because I was under the impression of the 'Munster football is great' policy. I learned that I gave up something I was extremely good at to try something new and that didn't work out,"**  
Chris Newcomb, junior



Eric Flores  
Joseph Flores  
Meghan Franciski  
Colleen Frazier  
Jonathan Friedman  
Terry Funston  
Holly Furtek  
Sonya Garcia

Jennifer Gaskill  
Katie Gephart  
Nicole Gier  
Katherine Gikas  
Kathryn Gilbert  
Kyle Gilbert  
Geoffrey Giro  
Katherine Gluck

Paul Goddard  
Dimitri Gofis  
Stephanie Gonzalez  
Amanda Gore  
Monica Gornal  
Allison Gott  
Sarah Grauvogl  
Megan Graykowski

Sean Greenya  
Nicolette Gries  
Ariana Grow  
James Hamblin  
Markia Hammonds  
Patrick Hanas  
Kyle Hathaway  
Katie Hauter



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# body art

## STUDENTS EXPRESS INDIVIDUALITY THROUGH TATTOOS, BODY PIERCINGS

**natalie vaughn, junior**

**What piercings/tattoos do you have:** I have a tattoo of a star with a circle around it (like the Converse sign). It's on the left side of my lower back.

**Did it hurt to get done:** It didn't really hurt that much when they did the outline, but when they filled it in it hurt more since there was a lot more space for them to cover.

**What made you decide to get it done:** I had wanted a tattoo for a long time, and I finally had the opportunity. I love stars, so I wanted something that was simple, and I won't hate having it 20 years from now.

**julie donnowitz, junior**

**What piercings/tattoos do you have:** I have a barbell piercing in my tongue that I've had for about a year.

**Did it hurt to get done:** It didn't hurt that bad when I was getting it pierced. The next day it hurt a lot more, though. It was hard for me to eat for a couple of days, but since then I haven't had any problems with it at all.

**What made you decide to get it done:** Thinking back, I'm not really sure exactly why I got it done. I guess it was just kind of a spur of the moment thing. I decided to get it done and just did it spontaneously.

**if you could tattoo**

**"If I could get anything pierced, it would be my eyebrow because I think it would look cool, and help get all the ladies,"**  
**Kyle Deluna, junior**

**"I would get a tattoo of Marilyn Monroe's signature on my lower back because she was someone whom I admired very much,"**  
**Lauren Weichman, junior**

**"I would get a tattoo of my Chinese zodiac symbol on my lower back. I've always been into the Zodiac and I thought tattoos were cool,"**  
**Karen Ufnowski, junior**

**"I didn't think I would ever get a tattoo because they were just too permanent. I did like the stick-on ones, though. I even had some,"** Deb Sundi, junior



Mark Honeghan  
Kevin Higgins  
David Hoffman  
Lindsay Holajter  
Jillhan Horn  
Betty Hoyle  
Justin Ionita  
Kristen Jabaay

Joseph Jankov  
Miodrag Jankovic  
Jennifer Johnson  
Michael Johnson  
Michelle Johnson  
Julie Joseph  
Jennifer Kaczka  
Thomas Kaiser

Renee Katsinis  
Ashley Kaufman  
Stephanie Kelly  
Andrew Kennedy  
John Keplinger  
David Klawinski  
Jeffrey Kocel  
Lisa Kolar

Wanda Kolodziejczyk  
April Komendat  
Jill Kooy  
Christopher Koschnitzky  
Janki Kothari  
Candice Knurows  
Kaitlin Kovach  
Michael Kozlowski

"I had thought about getting a tattoo one day, but then I wasn't so sure because I didn't know if I would like how it would look in the future,"  
Chris Newcomb, junior

"I would get my eyebrow pierced, because it isn't permanent like a tattoo, you can take out a piercing if you don't want it anymore,"  
Justin Drosos, junior

"I would get my nose pierced, because it's something I have wanted to do ever since my sister got her's done,"  
Marnie Norris, junior

"I would get a tattoo of the Joker from *Batman*, because he was a character who totally represented my persona,"  
Shardul Shah, junior

"I've always wanted to get the cartilage in my ear pierced, because it's not too drastic of a thing to do and it wouldn't look too freaky,"  
Karla Bales, junior

"I'd get my tongue pierced because it's something I always wanted to do. It would look cool and feel cool in your mouth,"  
David Pryzbylski, junior

"I don't think right now I would get a tattoo or anything, I just can't imagine having something that permanent on my body,"  
Dave Pleitner, junior

"Piercings and tattoos were not for me. I just didn't like how they looked and wouldn't want to permanently mark my body like that,"  
Justin Ionita, junior



### star gazing

After getting her tattoo of a star, Natalie Vaughn, junior, shows off to Ellie Porte, junior. "I think my tattoo just says a little thing about me. I love it and know I'll never regret getting it," Natalie said.



Keith Kramer  
Ryan Kula  
Marcie Kwasman  
Amber LaRou  
Blake Larkins  
Natalie Lauerman  
Joann Lee  
Brian Lerner



Suzanne Leverenz  
Dennis Lowe  
Christy Macak  
Joseph Mack  
Paul Marchese  
Carolyn Marinier  
Demetra Marinos  
Kyle Matucha



Rachel McCain  
Katherine McGill  
Ryan McMahon  
Megan McShane  
Christopher Medwetz  
Krystle Michel  
Jakub Mielnicki  
Alex Miller



Michael Mirabelli  
Daniel Mize  
David Mlodecki  
Melissa Moore  
Meredith Moran  
Megan Morley  
Elizabeth Moseley  
Tom Mourikis



Jim Mroz  
Matthew Mustain  
Sadia Najamuddin  
Krystal Nash  
Fauzia Nassimi  
Ashley Navarro  
Scott Newman  
Juan Nieves



## food choices

**"I just went into the line that had the better looking girls, and I just got whatever food that happened to be in that line on that particular day,"**  
Rob Branson, junior

"I usually went to the snack line because the other lines were always too long, and I wasn't really fond of the other lunches they offered, so I just stuck to Cheetos,"  
Lauren Weichman, junior

"I liked the ravioli at school more than anything else they had. I didn't know how they made it, but it was excellent. I got it every time they had it,"  
Brad Clark, junior

**"I loved everything they had with cheese. Cheese fries, cheese on the nachos, and pretzels with cheese because it was an inexpensive way to get full, and something really hard to mess up making,"**  
Eric Rosiak, junior

**"Bosco sticks were my favorite. They came in a cute bag, and the dipping sauce was excellent,"**  
Val Porras, junior

"I thought everyone should get the garlic cheesebread at school. I liked it a lot, and it had the perfect amount of ingredients to make it taste good,"  
Jorie Anderson, junior





Matthew Norby  
Marnie Norris  
Rebecca Norris  
Joseph Noworyta  
Christie O'Brien  
Jamie O'Brien  
Maripatrice O'Connell  
Mark Obszanski

Jessica Oprinovich  
Jeffrey Palmer  
Michael Panich  
Kyle Parker  
Jessica Pasztor  
Christine Patel  
Priti Patwari  
Katherine Pawlowicz

Sharon Paz  
Nicole Pellegrino  
John Pesich  
Karri Petrizzo  
David Pleincher  
Lisa Pleincher  
Anel Plowman  
Michael Poe

Valerie Porras  
Ashley Porta  
Danelle Portle  
Betsy Pottorff  
David Przybylski  
Anna Przybysz  
Shajuddin Quadri  
Brian Ranade

Andy Rebar  
Marisa Renwald  
Andrew Rice  
Michael Ristic  
Paul Rogers  
Juan Pablo Roman-Lagunas  
Eric Rosiak  
Jamie Kosko

### food for thought

165

lunch cards  
owned by  
students

775

meals sold  
daily

250

pounds of  
french fries  
cooked daily

70

pounds of  
pasta for Pasta  
Bar prepared  
each Friday

source: Mrs. Paulette Libak

### brown bagged

Sipping on a can of Ocean Spray, Suzie Bulfer, junior, eats from a sack lunch she brought to school. Students who did not want to spend the money or did not like the lunches offered brought their own instead.

WIDE RANGE OF CHOICES  
PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH  
MULTIPLE **snack attack**  
OPTIONS

**UN**decided



### light snack

In the potato bar during "A" lunch, Diana Huerta, freshman, and juniors Meredith Moran, and Joyce Stamiris take a break from the regular lunch line. Choices like the potato bar gave students healthy alternatives.

Thomas Royal  
Aaron Rueth  
Joseph Rybicki  
Ben Samara  
Elizabeth Sampias  
Tiffany Sanders  
Amanda Sandoval  
Sarah-Ann Sands



Diana Santay  
Angelena Sautoianni  
Lauren Sarber  
Uzma Satti  
James Schmelzer  
Gregory Schneider  
Andrew Schumacher  
Matthew Schwertfeger



Neha Shah  
Poonam Shah  
Shardul Shah  
Anne Shapiro  
Natalie Shapiro  
Jennifer Sharp  
Kristen Shelton  
Asim Sheriff



Erick Sherman  
Michael Skrudz  
Kathryn Sliva  
Jelena Slijivar  
Timothy Smaron  
Winfield Smith  
Vincent Sochacki  
Jennifer Solis



Michelle Sopher  
Keith Sorrels  
Kathleen Spence  
Joyce Stamaris  
Martin Stanko  
Steven Steele  
Emily Stemer  
Ben Stolarz



## check-in times

**"My curfew was 12:30 a.m. at the latest. It depended on what day it was. I just asked to stay out later. My parents were pretty lenient about it,"**  
**Dave Daniels, junior**

**"I went home when everyone else went home. I just left and my parents really didn't care when I got home,"**  
**Jim Schmelzer, junior**

**"I didn't have a curfew because my father understood that a young guy must have the freedom to experiment and enjoy,"**  
**Tom Largus, junior**

**"Midnight was my curfew. If I told my parents where I was going they didn't really care if I stayed out later. I guess they didn't think that I needed to stay out past midnight,"**  
**Desiree Ballanco, junior**

**"I didn't have a curfew as long as my parents knew where I was and who I was with. Then they usually didn't mind how late I was out,"**  
**Roman Teller, junior**

**"I didn't really have a curfew. I used to have one, but I built up my parents' trust and now they trust me to come home safe at a reasonable hour,"**  
**Dan Anderson, junior**

## heading out

Students enjoy nights out on the town without worries of an early curfew enabling them to catch a movie, bowl a couple games, or grab a bite to eat

**when is your curfew?**

**34%** 1 a.m. +

**30%** 12 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**26%** 11 p.m. - 12 a.m.

**10%** 10 p.m. - 11 p.m.

**what time do you usually attend the movies?**

**64%** 7:30 p.m.

**30%** 10:00 p.m.

**4%** matinee

**what do you have to do to get your curfew extended?**

**75%** just have to ask

**14%** get good grades

**7%** can't get it extended

**4%** chores

300 students surveyed

## cutting it close

Working on the Junior Class float, Ashley Kaufman cuts wire late at night during Homecoming Week. Students stayed out late not only on the weekends, but also to build their class float. Parents' leniency showed as students' curfews approached the town limit of 1 a.m.



Jillian Stout  
Julie Streeter  
Katie Strzempek  
Deborah Sundi  
Brandon Sweeney  
Kenny Szymanski  
Erin Talabay  
Roman Teller

Alyssa Theile  
Dustin Thompson  
Alexander Topete  
Dennis Trilinski  
Karen Ulinowski  
Julie Valand  
Peter Vander Sluis  
Alex Vargas

Nicholas Varinac  
Natalie Vaughn  
Peter Verkaik  
John Vroom  
Julia Weil  
Lauren Weichman  
Lowell Werner  
Pamela Wiers

Kyle Wilbanks  
Andrea Williams  
Daniel Witting  
Sara Wojcik  
Jenny Yantich  
Kayte Yerga  
David Young  
Brett Zagorac

Danielle Zagorski  
Michael Zivanovic  
Brandy Zukanovich  
Andrew Zusman



## EXTENDED CURFEWS ALLOW JUNIORS TO LENGTHEN WEEKEND PLANS

**UN**decided

# late nights

### facing consequences

**"If I missed my curfew, my parents reminded me to call if I was going to be late, and not to do it again,"**  
Courtney Chung, junior

**"My mom always waited for me to come home, but my dad wouldn't even notice. My mom was weak when it came to discipline, so I got off easy with a little guilt for making her worry,"**  
Wanda Kolodziejczyk, junior

**"When I missed my curfew, for the next two weeks my curfew was decreased in time by the amount of time that I was late,"**  
Colleen Frazier, junior

**"When I knew I was late I knew my mom would be sitting there on the couch just looking at me. The next two nights I came in an hour early and then everything was straight,"**  
Brian Balkam, junior



## in and out

SENIORS CHOOSE TO STAY  
HOME OR GO OUT ON  
WEEKENDS, FACTORING  
IN COST AND DISTANCE  
TO TRAVEL WHEN DECIDING

## brownie point

With her scoop in one hand and the measuring cup in another, Amy Conover, senior, asks Brittany Stasiak, senior, for the right amount of mix for homemade brownies. Instead of going out to a large dance club, Amy and Brittany decided to have a quiet, but fun night at home baking tasty treats.



Entering a video store with hundreds of different videos, students choose their Top 5 favorites

- 5** Westerns 2%
- 4** Old movies 6%
- 3** Horror 15%
- 2** Comedies 36%
- 1** New Releases 56%

213 students surveyed

top notch picks

**"I couldn't find anything to do at home. However, when I went out, I had to travel very far to go somewhere unique,"**  
Elizabeth Carton, senior

**"Working on a drawing or an art project was a fun thing to do when I was at home. It was interesting, and it kept me busy for a while,"**  
Andy Ferrer, senior

## weekend options

**78%** traveled 21+ miles on the weekend (11% traveled 11-20 miles; 6% of the students traveled 0-5 miles; 5% traveled 6-10 miles)

**42%** played video games when at home on the weekend (28% played pool; 18% played ping-pong; 7% played board games; 6% played foosball)

**50%** will spend \$20+ (38% spend \$11-\$20; 10% spend \$6-\$10; 2% spend \$0-\$5)

213 students surveyed

## talk back

**"I liked staying home with my parents. They were really fun people, but I also enjoyed going out with friends. It was like a different flavor,"**  
Joe Flores, senior

**"I went to the movies with my friends. Sometimes we went to restaurants or to someone's house to rent a movie. As for staying in, there isn't anything wrong with my house, but I feel as though I'm not being productive,"**  
Meg Madderom, senior

**"I like to stay home some nights. Sometimes life just went by too fast and it was too hard to balance everything out perfectly,"**  
Steve Sleeper, senior

**"To have fun, we went to movies, had girls' nights out, went out to eat with my friends, went shopping, and hung out to talk,"**  
Allison Schock, senior

**"I considered myself a family person. I loved my parents and hanging out with them. Going out with my friends became redundant and my parents made my nights more interesting,"**  
Amanda Salinas, senior

## Sean Christopher Adley

Amy Jo Adoba: Cross Country 9-12; French Club 9-

12; Girls' Tennis 9-12; Snowflurry 9,12

Patrick Aerts: Wrestling 11-12

Amanda Aguilera

Daniel P. Aldulescu: Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12);

French Club 9-11; NHS 11-12; Band 9-10





Steve A. Ashby: Football 9-12; Diving 9-11  
Edward C. Bacon  
Candice Baker: Band 9-10, 12; Choir 12; Ensembles 12; Track 9-11, 12  
Jason Charles Balazs: Spanish Club 9-10; Speech 9  
Carrie Ann Balzer: Dance Team 10-11; Spanish Club 9



Jennifer K. Bambo: CEC 9, Spanish Club 9-11 (sec. 10/vic. pres. 11); Speech/Debate 9-11, Crier 11-12 (News Ed. 11/Copy Ed. 12); Dollars for Scholars 11-12; N.H.S. 11-12; Orchestra 9-12; Tennis 9-11  
Michael Paul Baniak: Baseball 9-12; Football 10-11; N.H.S. 11-12 (sec. 12); Student Govt. 11-12; Drama 12; Speech 9; Crier 11-12 (Sports Ed. 11/Managing Ed. 12); Quill and Scroll 11-12  
Ronald Barkowski: Football 9-12 (Academic All State 12); Baseball 9-12  
Aaron Vincent Barnes: Basketball 9, Football 9-12; Track 9-12 (capt. 11-12; All Conference 9, 12); Ensembles 11-12; Musical 11-12  
Kyle Bauer



Christopher S. Baut: Baseball 9-11, Tennis 9, 12  
Ryan Beemer: Track 10-12 (capt. 11-12); Cross Country 9, 11-12; Basketball 9-11; DECA 11-12  
Emily Bernstein  
Thomas A. Bertagnoli: Student Govt. 9-10; CEC 11  
Natalie J. Bieda: Swimming 9-12; N.H.S. 12; Orchestra 9-12, Camerata 10-12; Choir 11-12; Ensembles 12; Musical 11-12



Amanda Marie Biel: Softball 9-10; Spanish Club 9-11  
Ellen Marie Bielawski: Dance Team 9-12 (co-capt. 10); CEC 11-12, N.H.S. 11-12; Dollars for Scholars 11  
Nina Bilimoria: Student Govt. 9-12 (pres. 12); Speech/Debate 9-12 (pres. 12); N.H.S. 11-12; National Merit Scholar 12; Tennis 9-11; HOBY Delegate 10; Drama 9-12; Spanish Club 9-12; NFL 9-12; Dollars for Scholars 10-12; Valedictorian 12  
Zali Y. Bilimoria: CEC 9-10; Student Govt. 11-12 (vice pres. 12); N.H.S. 11-12; Academic Team 10-12 (pres. 12); Speech/Debate 9-12 (treas. 11/vic. pres. 12); Tennis 9-11; National Merit Finalist 12  
Adriann Bishop



Joshua John Bochnowski: Basketball 9-12, Baseball 9-12; German Club 9-10  
Crystal Bogs: DECA 11-12; Volleyball 9  
James Bohling: Football 9, 10; Wrestling 9; Soccer 12; French Club 9-11  
Ryan Andrew Booth: Football 9-10  
Joseph Born: Swimming 10, 12; Football 9



Amanda Bowers  
Mark Brande: Football 9-10  
Adam Joseph Branson  
Kyle Brazel: Football 9, Drama 12, DECA 10-12  
Robert S. Brenner: Tennis 10-12

**Eric Bukowski**  
 Ryan C. Bulan: Tennis 9-12 (capt. 13, All State 11-12); Basketball 9; Baseball 9-12; CEC 10; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 10  
 Kristie Lee Bullocks: DECA 11; Track 10-11  
 Joanne Burkat  
 David Mark Byttow: Video Club 9-10; German Club 9-12

**Patrick Joseph Cailles**: Basketball 9; Golf 10-12; Wrestling 11; Ensembles 12  
 Elizabeth Lindsay Caron: Dance Team 10-12  
 Noreen Castor: CEC 9-12 (co-pres. 11, vice pres. 12); Track 9-12; DECA 11; French Club 9, 11; NHS 12; Musical 12  
 Rachael Ann Chemerinsky: Band 9-12; Dance Line 12 (co-capt. 12)  
 Eun Byul Cho: Band 9-12; Dance Line 11-12 (co-capt. 12); NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 10-11

**Joseph Chocholek**  
 Megan Rose Chynoweth: Spanish Club 9-10; Tennis 9; CEC 9-12; NHS 12  
 Steven Ciric: Basketball 9-12; German Club 9, 11; Football 9  
 Leanne Ciupa  
 Adam Michael Cohen: Tennis 9-12; Golf 10; Spanish Club 10; NHS 11-12

**Amy Conover**: Dance Team 9-10; French Club 9-10; Project X 9; Drama 11-12  
 Jennifer Dalhoumi: Dance Team 9; Cheerleading 10; Spanish Club 9-10  
 Brian Daniels: Soccer 10-11; Speech/Debate 9-10; Project X 9; Spanish Club 9; Quill and Scroll 11-12 (treas. 12); NHS 11-12; *Crier* 11-12 (Insight Ed. 11 Editor-in-Chief 12)  
 Niki Kristen Dausch: Spanish Club 9-12; Art Club 9-10  
 Kevin Michael Davidson: Jazz Band 9-12; Band 9-12; NHS 11-12

**Mathew Allan DeBoer**: Football 9-12; Wrestling 9-10; Track 9-12  
 Nicholas A. DeBoer: Art Club 10-12; Project X 10-12; German Club 12  
 Jessica Lynn DeGiulio: Video Club 9; SADD 10, Art Club 10; Softball 9-10; *Paragon* 10  
 Danielle DeLaney: DECA 9  
 Danielle Dellorto: Soccer 9; Cheerleading 11; Drama 9-12; Thespian 9-12; *Crier* 11 (Ad Manager 11); SADD 9-12; Musical 9-12

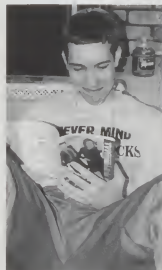
**Jonathan Depa**: Baseball 9-12  
 Erin Lynn DeVries: French Club 9; Band 9-10; Swimming 9; Diving 10-11; NHS 11-12  
 Michelle Marie DiCostanzo: Basketball 9-12; Softball 10-12  
 Daniel J. Diombala: Football 9-12; Basketball 9-10; Golf 9-12  
 Jenny Ann Doescher: DECA 11-12



- 5** Sports Night- 2%  
Whose Line is it Anyway- 2%  
Jack and Jill- 2%  
Family Guy- 2%
- 4** Wrestling- 3%  
Beverly Hills 90210- 3%  
ER- 3%
- 3** Dawson's Creek- 4%
- 2** Seinfeld- 5%  
Friends- 5%
- 1** Simpsons- 27%

282 students surveyed

top 5 TV shows



### flipping through

To find the best TV show, Nick DeBoer, senior, looks at his TV guide. "My favorite movie was *Fight Club* because it kept me anticipating each of the characters' next move," Nick said.

### couch potatoes

Students confess to their favorite shows and how often television dominates their everyday life. From Seinfeld to MASH, preferences differ with each student.

**15%** of girls and **87%** of boys preferred to watch football instead of Dawson's Creek

**76%** of girls and **7%** of boys

preferred to watch Dawson's Creek  
**2%** of girls and **6%** of boys never stayed home to watch TV  
**14%** of girls and **16%** of boys stayed home once a week to watch TV  
**6%** of girls and **5%** of boys stayed home once a month to watch TV  
**34%** of girls and **33%** of boys almost never stayed home to watch TV  
**45%** of girls and **40%** of boys

never stayed home to watch TV  
**26%** of girls and **12%** of boys programmed their VCRs once a week  
**10%** of girls and **7%** of boys programmed their VCRs twice or three times a week  
**2%** of girls and **1%** of boys programmed their VCRs everyday  
**61%** of girls and **79%** of boys never programmed their VCRs

282 students surveyed

## TV GIVES STUDENTS WAY TO RELAX AFTER LONG DAYS

**UN**mistakable

## seeing things

**marc stojkovich, senior**

**Watches:** Beverly Hills 90210  
**Because:** hooked on it 10 years ago  
**Other people:** make fun of me, especially when I want to stay home and watch  
**How it started:** I had a crush on Jennie Garth (Kelly)  
**Watches it with:** my mom

**rachel merkell, senior**

**Watches:** WWE, Monday Night RAW  
**Because:** it's like a soap opera but more exciting  
**Other people:** don't tease me. Guys watch it so we have a common interest  
**How it started:** I watched with my brother and my friends had RAW parties



### simply surfing

While watching TV, Dave Lundin, senior, changes channels for Jason Vargo, senior. "My favorite TV show was *The Simpsons* because it was so funny. I watched it to relax and get away from everything," Dave said.



Anne Marie Domasica: Soccer 9-12 (capt. 11-12)/All State 11-12; NHS 11-12 (pres. 12); CEC 10-12 (sec. 10-11); Project X 9 (vice pres.)  
Evangelos Driliias: DECA 12, German Club 9-11  
Therese Anne Dristas: Softball 10; Golf 11-12  
Natalie Jeanette Dudzik: Tennis 9  
Kari Anne Dumakowski: Volleyball 9; Softball 9; Spanish Club 9-11; German Club 10; Project X 11



**Erin R. Dunn:** Tennis 10-12; German Club 10-12; Project X 12  
**Erin Lynn Egnatz:** Golf 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Tennis 9; *Paragon* 11-12 (Asst. Sports Ed. 11/Managing/ Assoc. Ed. 12)  
**Benjamin M. Fabert:** Art Club 12  
**Andrew Ferrer**  
**Janice Elizabeth Florczak:** Project X 9-10; SADD 9-10; Spanish Club 9; Drama 9-11; Band 9-12; Color Guard 10-11; Jazz Band 12; Ensemble 12; Musical 9, 11

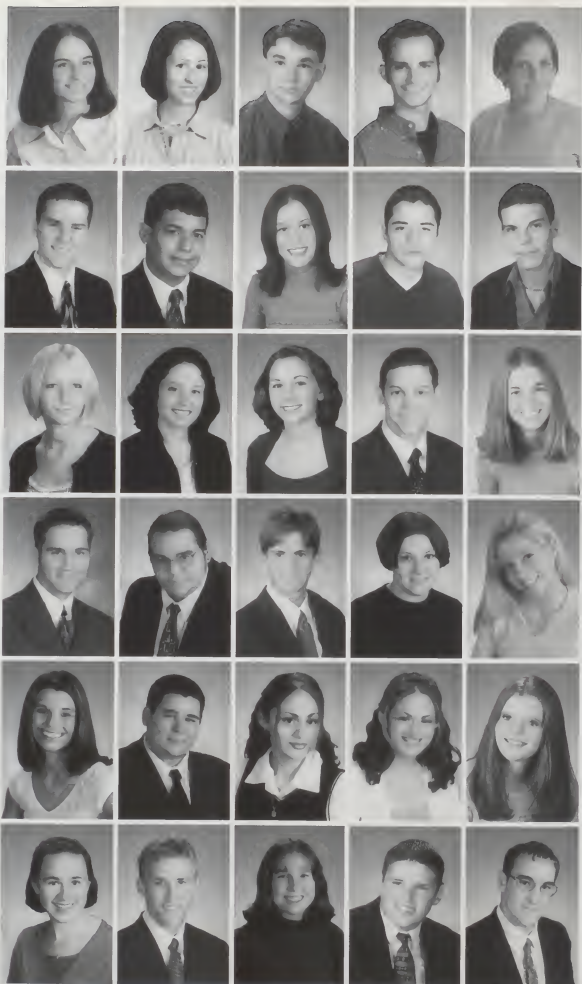
**Ryan J. Florek:** Drama 11; Tennis 9-10; Golf 9-10; Band 9-10; Jazz Band 9-11; NHS 11-12; Auditorium Staff 11-12 (Sound Dir. 11)  
**Joseph Flores**  
**Brittany Amber Fritzsche:** Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 11-12); IU Honors Program 11; Homecoming Court 12; NHS 11-12; Musical 11-12; Spanish Club 10; Student Govt. 12  
**Michael Gallardo**  
**Randy Gavrilovich:** German Club 9-11; Drama 9; Band 9

**Heidi Gibbs:** Drama Club 12; DECA 12  
**Marsha Gills:** Band 9-11; Drama 9-11; Thespian 9-12; Auditorium Staff (Lighting Director 11)  
**Stephanie Gill:** Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 12); Basketball 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Softball 9-12 (capt. 11-12); CEC 9; Student Govt. 10-12 (sec. 12); NHS 12  
**Jonathan Elliott Gluckert:** German Club 10-11  
**Jennifer Blair Goldsmith:** Dance Team 9-10; Speech/Debate 10-11; NFL 10-11; Drama 11-12

**Daniel J. Grady:** Football 9-10; German Club 9-12 (vice pres. 12); Band 9-11  
**Matt Grawewski**  
**William Charles Gray:** Tennis 9-12 (capt. 12/All State 12); Golf 9-11; Spanish Club 9-11; Speech/Debate 9  
**Dawn Gregson:** Tennis 9; French Club 9  
**Christie Griffin:** Art Club 10; Spanish Club 10; SADD 10; Project X 9; CEC 11; Cheerleading 11-12; *Crier* (Feature Ed. 11/Design Ed. 12); Quill and Scroll 11-12 (vice pres. 12); NHS 11-12; Student Govt. 12; Homecoming Queen 12

**Jacqueline Louise Grigsby:** Spanish Club 9-10; Dance Team 9-11 (capt. 11); Speech/Debate 10; NHS 10-11  
**Timothy Edwin Gross:** Football 9; Student Trainer 9  
**Lizette G. Gutierrez:** Track 9; Spanish Club 9  
**Maribel G. Gutierrez:** Track 9; Spanish Club 9; SADD 12; Project X 12  
**Renee Christine Halajcsik:** Volleyball 9-10; German Club 10

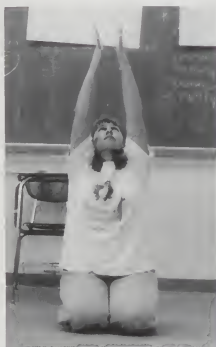
**Sarah Clover Hannigan:** Orchestra 9, 11; Tennis 9-12; Golf 11; NHS 11-12; ACC 11-12; Art Club 10-12; French Club 10; German Club 9-12 (pres. 12); Project X 10-12; SADD 9-12  
**John Hanrahan:** Baseball 9-12; Football 9-12  
**Laura Christine Hansen:** Ensembles 10-12; Drama Club 12; *Paragon* (Clubs Ed. 11/Photo Ed. 12) Musical 9-11  
**Nathan David Hansen:** Football 9-12 (Academic All State), Golf 9-12; NHS 11-12; Quill & Scroll 11-12; *Paragon* 11-12 (Sports Ed. 11/Editor-in-Chief 12)  
**Nicholas John Hansen:** Football 9; German Club 9-11; Track 9-12



- 10 Lack of time
- 9 Car insurance
- 8 Homework
- 7 Friends
- 6 Parents
- 5 Compositions
- 4 Jobs
- 3 Relationships
- 2 College
- 1 Grades

top 10 things that stress seniors out

126 students surveyed



#### yoga break

In order to demonstrate relaxation techniques to her Sociology of Religion class, Emily Holly, senior, performs yoga exercises. "Yoga was fun, and a good way to exercise and relax at the same time," Emily said.

## FROM SCHOOL TO CAR INSURANCE, SENIORS TRY TO RELAX AFTER STRESS TAKES OVER THEIR MINDS

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## keyed up

### tense times

**"Relationships stressed me out. When a girl put you down to go out with someone else, it hurt,"**

Tim Orcutt, senior

**"School and my parents, in general stressed me out. I drove around or went out with friends to keep the bad things off of my mind,"**

Mandy Biel, senior

**"Trying to make decisions about college, and then waiting around for the mail to see if you're accepted, stresses seniors out,"**

Sarah Johnson, senior

**"School stresses me out so much, that all I could do to relax was go to sleep, or go and hang out with a bunch of friends,"**

Lee Nadolski, senior

### final thoughts

To complete his composition, Devin Holtz, senior, rereads his semi-completed assignment. Students found themselves stressing over compositions and worked to finish them before their due date.



Abigail Alene Hartman  
Susan Elizabeth Hay: Basketball 9-12 (capt. 12)  
Volleyball 9-11; NHS 11-12  
Michael Hayes: German Club 9-11; Football 9  
Tom Hayes  
Brian Wayne Heinemann: Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12

UNmistakable

# SENIORS RANGE FROM LATENIGHT CRAMMERS TO BREAK OF DAWN RUNNERS

## all hours

### tied up

Ready to run, Shaun Blue, senior, sits on his front steps and laces up. "I thought that sleep was laziness and that I would rather have been working than laying around on my back," Shaun said.

### fighting sleep

Eyes and mind focused, Sarah Johnson, senior, sits with a mug of Russian tea to stay awake. "Mrs. (Mary) Yorke, English teacher, demanded the best, so I needed to stay up and perfect even the location of the subjects in my sentences, but all of those late nights made me a better writer," Sarah said.



### early birds

**"I set my alarm to go off three times. Once at 5 a.m., then at 6:30 a.m. and 6:40 a.m.," Ron Barkowski, senior**

**"I usually stopped at The Little Store to get those cappuccinos in the little machines. I always got the French Vanilla ones," Kelly Mercer, senior**

### night owl

**"I listened to Loveline on Q101. The crazy stuff on that show could keep you laughing all night," Angela Keslin, senior**

### sarah johnson, senior

**How often she stayed up late:** When I had AP Composition I stayed up late about two nights every other week before my composition could be due, but after that two or three nights due to everything else I was involved in at the time.

**Why she had to stay up:** I absolutely had to finish my homework at night, if I had waited until the morning I would have ended up hitting my snooze button and would never have gotten anything completed. My brain just did not function right early in the morning.

**Latest she stayed up:** 2 a.m., I've stayed up late because I just had too many things going and too much homework to get done.

**How she stayed awake:** Russian Tea. Mrs. Jones made me a jar of it a year ago, it was a lifesaver.

**Craziest thing she did late at night:** I once drank two mugs full of Russian Tea after ten which kept me awake for what seemed like forever.

### shaun blue, senior

**How long he had gotten up in the morning to run:** I started running in the morning my sophomore year, but only once in awhile. I didn't start running regularly until my junior year but kept it up all that year and my senior year.

**Why he ran in the morning:** I ran in the morning for two reasons. First, it was a good way to stretch out and work out the lactic acids from the day before. Secondly, I knew that it was a good time to extend my endurance and mileage.

**What his goals were:** I intended to keep myself as physically fit as possible and gave my best effort to run as fast as I possibly could.

**What he hoped to accomplish:** I hoped to get myself in great shape in order to run triathlons and marathons, not to mention become a Navy SEAL.

**What fueled him:** I knew that I could only hope to be my absolute best if I gave forth all my efforts and I felt that that was a necessary sacrifice.

Jason Helbing: Tennis 9; Swimming 9; Baseball 9-12  
Alicia Renee Holka: German Club 10; Art Club 10, 12  
Emily A. Holly: Tennis 9-11; Drama Club 9-11; German Club 11; Band 9-11  
Devin Holtz  
Shahreen Hossain: Spanish Club 9; French Club 9





Chris Hunt: NHS 11-12; Wrestling 9-12 (capt. 12); All State 12; Track 9; Cross Country 9; Debate 10; Drama Club 11  
Matthew S. Ibarra: Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12); Tennis 9  
Iris Insaurriaga: Spanish Club 10-12 (pres. 11-12); Project X 11-12, Tennis 10-12  
Rachel JoAnn Ispas: Spanish Club 9; Drama Club 11, DECA 10; Orchestra 9  
Brian E. Jablonski: Football 9-12 (capt. 12); All State 11-12; Basketball 9-12



Danella Jaksich: Swimming 9-12; SADD 9; DECA 10  
Aaron D. Jillson: Basketball 9-12 (capt. 10-12); Golf 10  
Sarah Ann Johnson: Musical 10; Drama Club 11; Speech 9; NHS 12; Ensembles 12, CFC 9-11  
Evan Jones: Football 9; Baseball 9-10  
Zachary Taylor Jones: Tennis 9-12 (Academic All State 12); All Conference 12; CEC 9-11 (treas. 10-11) Student Government 12 (treas. 12); NHS 11-12



Natalie Racheal Jordan: CEC 9; German Club 10; Ensembles 11-12  
Woon Young Kang: Spanish Club 9-11, Art Club 10-11  
Brian Kennedy  
Angela E. Keslin: Volleyball 9, Basketball 9-10; Softball 9-12; NHS 11-12; CEC 9-12 (pres. 9, 11-12)  
Steven Kibler: German Club 9-11, Wrestling 9-12



Megan Kikalos: Tennis 10; Musical 9, 12; Ensembles 11-12; Drama Club 10-12; Speech 10-12; NFL 11-12  
Bob Kingdollar Jr.: Band 9-11, Science Olympiad 10-12  
Brandon Kluga: Football 9-10  
Jeannie Marie Knish: Drama Club 9-10; Spanish Club 9-10; Speech 9; CEC 11; Student Government 9-10, 11; DECA 11; Project X 12, Tennis 9-12 (capt. 12) All State 9-10; Honorable Mention All State 11; State Runner Up #1 Doubles 10  
Douglas S. Kocal



Tony Konvalinka: Track; Snowflurry  
Jason C. Kozack: Football 9-12; Wrestling 9-12; Baseball 9, 11, 12; Golf 10; NHS 11-12; German Club 9-11  
Matthew J. Koscielski: Football 9-10; Baseball 9-12; German Club 9-10  
Matthew Kosiba  
Heather Ly. Kotowski: Volleyball 9-10 (capt. 9) French Club 9-10; Speech/Debate 12; NFL 12; L.U. Honors Program 11



Gregory T. Krupinski: Golf 9-12 (capt. 12); Student Government 10-11; CEC 9, 12 (treas. 12); Spanish Club 10; NHS 12  
Nicolas D. Kubacki: Golf 9; German Club 9-11; French Club 9  
Julie Ann Kuczek: Orchestra 9; Tennis 9; Dance Team 9-12 (capt. 12)  
Akua Kwateng  
J. D. Lambert



## sibling rivalry

## lauren biel, freshman

Sibling at MHS: Mandy Biel, senior

**Best thing about having a sibling at the same school:** Mandy helped me out a lot with my friends, she always gave me good advice and I knew lots of people because of all her friends.

**Worst thing about having a sibling at the same school:** She constantly criticized me and always asked me for money when she didn't have any.

**Nicest thing she's ever done for you:** Mandy was always looking out for me and helped me with all my problems. She always drove me everywhere I needed to go, and came to all of my games when no one else in my family would.

**Meanest thing she's ever done to you:** Once when we were shopping she slapped me in the face. It hurt, and she said it was an accident, so I guess it wasn't that bad.

## mandy biel, senior

Sibling at MHS: Lauren Biel, freshman

**Best thing about having a sibling at the same school:** I didn't mind having her at the same school, but I didn't really see any big-time advantages. Maybe just that we got to spend more time together, and I got to watch her grow up.

**Worst thing about having a sibling at the same school:** Lauren caught me every time I wore her clothes without asking, and I caught her every time she wore mine.

**What's the nicest thing she's ever done for you:** She was always there for me to confide in. I knew that I could always talk to her about anything, and she always listened to me and kept all of my secrets.

**Meanest thing she's ever done to you:** When we were little, we were out selling Girl Scout cookies. Then this huge dog chased us. We ran down the street, but it didn't leave us alone. When we got to our house, she ran inside and locked the door behind her.

## older influences

**"My older brother taught me to love basketball, since he did, and since then it has been our favorite thing to do together,"**  
Dan Alspach, freshman

**"My sister has always been a great person for me to look up to because she knows how to have fun and showed me how to make the most out of life,"**  
Ken Szymanski, junior

**"The music my sister listened to and the way she dressed always ended up reflecting a little bit in my own personal style,"**  
Margie Mask, sophomore

**"My sister has always taught me to be my own person, no matter what, and not to care about what others think or follow along with them,"**  
Jess Oprinovich, junior

**"My older sisters have taught me that there was more to life than partying. They taught me to study and work hard and to always save up my money,"**  
Valerie Myszak, freshman

**"My older brother had always given me good advice. We liked the same music and the same activities. We always had fun when we hung out,"**  
Devin Holtz, senior

**"My brother's interest in music had influenced me a lot. He influenced me to play the piano, and I've been playing for five years now,"**  
Lydia Carle, freshman

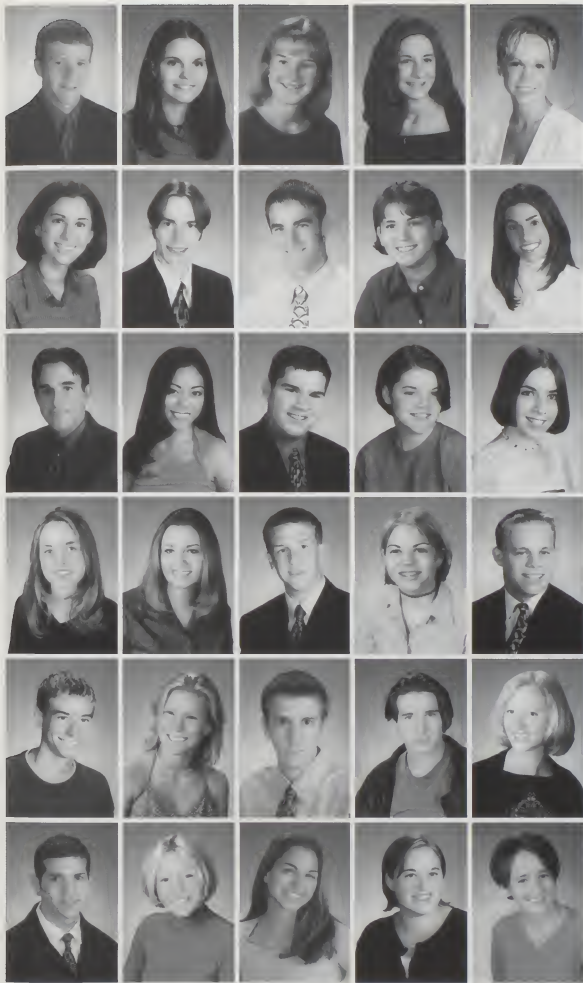
## sister snacks

While sitting together in the food court, sisters Mandy Biel, senior, and Lauren Biel, freshman share a lunch and talk. "I liked being at the same school as Mandy, even if we didn't always get along," Lauren said.



Adrienne Michelle Lebo: Cheerleading 9-10; Dance Team 11; DECA 12  
David Fredrick Legler  
Sarah M. Leitel: Soccer 9-12; Track 11  
Stephen R. Lindemann: Speech/Debate 9-12; NHS 11-12; Track 9-12; Football 9-10; Academic Team 10-12; Salutatorian 12; National Merit Finalist 12  
Scott E. Lindsey





**Bradley A. Tipton:** Tennis 9-12; Golf 10; CEC 9-11; Spanish Club 9-11; German Club 10-12; Drama Club 10; Speech/Debate 9-10.  
**Meaghan Sharmayne Lober:** Basketball 9-10; Soccer 9-12; Softball 9-11; Diving 11-12; Drama Club 11-12; Spanish Club 9-10; *Crier* 11-12.  
**Kelly Lorenz:** Spanish Club 10-11; Project X 10; Band 9-12 (Drum Major 12); Orchestra 10-12; NHS 11-12.  
**Karen Leigh Lorenzen:** French Club 9-12; Musical 9-12; Dance Team 10-12; Women's Ensembles 10-12; NHS 11-12.  
**Jessica Lauren Lotak:** French Club 9; Dance Team 9; Tennis 9-10; Swimming 10; Drama Club 9-12; Speech/Debate 12; NFL 12; *Crier* 12.

**Jennifer Marie Lounsberry:** Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12); Volleyball 9; Band 9-10.  
**David E. Lundin:** Football 9; French Club 10-11; Art Club 11-12; Auditorium Staff 11-12; Drama Club 12.  
**David R. Luptak:** Baseball 9-12; Basketball 9-12; Football 10-12 (All Conference/Academic All Conference, Academic All State); NHS 12.  
**Meg Madderm:** Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12; Drama Club 10-12; Science Olympiad 12; NHS 11-12; Art Club 12; German Club 9-12 (ex. 12); SAAD 12.  
**Emily Marie Magliola:** Band 9-10; Student Govt. 9-10; Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 12); Musical 11; Drama Club 11; Homecoming Court 12.

**Kyle Edward Maloney:** Tennis 9-12; Spanish Club 9.  
**Anne Maureen Malungot:** Dance Team 9-11; Track 9; Project X 12.  
**Peter Mamula:** Football 9; Wrestling 9.  
**Mary Casimera Mangus:** *Paragon* 11-12.  
**(Advertising Ed. 11/Design Ed. 12):** Drama Club 9-12; German Club 10-12; Debate 9; NFL 9.  
**Katerina Manousopoulos:** DECA 10-11; German Club 9-10.

**Kristal Markovich:** Soccer 9-12; Project X 12.  
**Angelle Renee Martich:** Cheerleading 9-11 (capt. 9); DECA 11-12 (vice pres. 12); Spanish Club 9-10; Glee Club 10; Homecoming Court 12.  
**Joseph Martinot:** Baseball 9; Tennis 9; Snowflurry 10-12.  
**Morgan E. Matthews:** Orchestra 9-12; Chamber Orchestra 10-12; Drama Club 9-12; French Club 9-11; SAAD 10; Project X 9; German Club 10-11; Auditorium Staff 11; Thespians 11-12.  
**Blake Mayer:** Band 9; Speech 10.

**Christopher Ryan Mayer:** German Club 9-11.  
**Rebecca Helen Maynard:** Track 9-12; Basketball 9; NHS 11-12; Soccer 12; Ensembles 11.  
**James McCloud:**  
**John J. Mecha Jr.:** Drama 10-12; French Club 10-12; Art Club 10-11.  
**Adriana Medynsky:** Video Club 9-10; SAAD 11; Drama Club 11; Women's Ensemble 9-10; Mixed Ensemble 11-12; Band 9-12; Orchestra 10-11.

**Steven Mendoza:** Football 9-10; Baseball 9-12; IU Honors Program.  
**Kelly Caroline Mercer:** Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 12); NHS 12; Drama Club 11.  
**Rachel Ann Merkle:** Speech/Debate 9; Volleyball 9-12; Basketball 9-12; Softball 9-12.  
**Kelly Ann Metz:** Band 9-12; Drama 11; DECA 12.  
**Sheri Lynn Meyers:** Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Women's Ensembles 9-12; Student Government 10, 12; Homecoming Court 12; Musical 9, 11-12; Prom Queen 12.

Jasmina Mijailovic: DECA 11-12; French Club 9-12  
(vice pres.); Tennis 9; SADD 9; Drama Club 12  
Bassam Mohammed: Football 9; Basketball 9  
Julie Therese Morris: Volleyball 9; Soccer 10  
Mark Moverer  
Billy Mucha: Football 9-12; Wrestling 10-12

#### Kathleen Mucha

Kathy Mueller: Volleyball 9; Softball 9-10; German Club 10-12; CEC 9; Art Club 11-12 (pres. 12); Project X 10; Crier 11-12; Paragon 11-12 (head photog. 12); Choir 11  
Damian Alan Murks: Football 9; German Club 9-11  
Lee Nadolski: Football 9; Baseball 9  
Meredith Ann Nelson: Dance Team 9,11; Speech 12

#### Jonathan Clifford Nourie: Baseball 9-12, French Club 9,10,12

Michael Jacob Noworyta: Baseball 12; Band 12; Jazz Band 12  
James Nuzzo: Football 9; Basketball 9-10; German 11  
John D. O'Block: Band 9-11; German Club 10; Art Club 10; Orchestra 12  
Mark F. Olley: Speech/Debate 9-11 (council 10-11); Drama Club 11-12; Thespians 11-12; Spanish Club 10; NHS 11-12; CEC 12

#### Carolyn Oosterbaan

Timothy Orcutt: Basketball Manager 9  
Priya B. Pai: CEC 9 (treas. 9); Spanish Club 9-11 (sec. 11); Speech/Debate 9-10; Orchestra 9-12; NHS 11-12; French Club 10  
Christopher Palma: Basketball 9  
Carrie A. Paradzinski: Softball 9-11; German Club 10; Speech/Debate 12

#### Devarshi Patel

Rucha Patel: Spanish Club 9-11; Tennis 9; Track 10-11; SADD 9-10; Speech 9-10; Project X 9-10  
Brooke Pawoia  
Steven Persie: Football 9-12  
Steven Carl Pesich: Soccer 9-12; Basketball 9-11; Boys' Golf 10; Band 9-10; Jazz Band 9-10; Ensembles 12; Musical 11-12

Lauren Monique Pestikas: Softball 9; SADD 9-11; Project X 9-11; Art Club 10-11; German Club 9-10; Speech/Debate 11; Basketball 9-11; Tennis 10  
Michael Petrizzo: Football 9; Baseball 9  
Michael Piotrowski: Track 9-12; Swimming 10-11; Drama 11-12; Art Club 12  
Stephanie Plug: Spanish Club 9-11  
John P. Premetz: Baseball 9-12; Basketball 9; Spanish Club 9-11; Project X 9-11; SADD 10-11; NHS 11-12



## slobs vs. neat freaks

From obsessive organization, to leaving piles, find out where you fall.

- 1** What is the first thing you do when you get home from school?  
 A. throw your backpack on the floor and turn on the TV  
 B. sign online and do homework in between conversations  
 C. crack your Econ book open on the spotless desk in your immaculate room and get to work

- 2** When you look in your car, what

do you see?

- A. food wrappers, crumpled up papers and an atrocious smell  
 B. a few leaves here and there, and maybe a couple of papers  
 C. spotless my car is my life

- 3** What does the inside of your backpack look like?

- A. papers and work in random disarray, looks like a natural disaster

## STUDENTS TRY TO BALANCE LIVES, OTHERS SHOW EXTREMES

**UNmistakable**

## in order

recently struck

B. slight organization, papers misplaced

C. one would think you are an aspiring CEO the way you are organized

**neat freak** mostly Cs  
**balanced ground** mostly Bs  
**slob** mostly As

### ellen bielawski, senior

**What makes her the way she is:** I liked to have organization in my life. I had my stuff placed into categories of items so they fit in. Everything had its place. All my beanie babies were in order, and even my dresser was symmetrical.

**Why you choose this way of life:** I thought everything had a plan to it, and I liked to follow that plan. If I needed anything, I knew where it was.

**Have you ever been another way:** I have always been pretty organized, but when I lived with my grandma, I really became organized.



### billy mucha, senior

**What makes him the way he is:** Well, I have two tattoos, and I dressed like a slob. I also never did my homework, because I was so lazy. There was always something better for me to be doing.

**Why you choose this way of life:** I liked it. My room was a mess, and it didn't bother me. It was a lot easier for me to be lazy than to organize all my stuff, which would take much too long.

**Have you ever been another way:** I was never really that organized to begin with, so I had no problem with the way I was.



### picture perfect

Studying for her AP Calculus quiz, Ellen Bielawski, senior, rests on her bed before going to work. Liking organization in her life, Ellen cleaned her room on a regular basis as part of her chores.

### last minute

In order to finish an uncompleted assignment, Billy Mucha, senior, skips "A" lunch for the precious time available. "I never did my homework at home, so I had to find time during school when I could get it done," Billy said.



Gina Puntillo: Golf 9-12; DECA 12  
 Phillip Raddatz

Eric Kafacz: Band 9-12

Danielle Rakich: Softball 9-10; Ensembles 11-12

Sheila S. Rane: Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12), CEC 9-12  
 (vice pres. 9-10); NHS 11-12 (vice pres. 12); Orchestra 9-12



**James Mario Rebescio:** Swimming 9-10-12; Debate 9-12; Speech 11-12; NHS 11-12; National Merit Finalist 12  
**Joshua William Reed**  
**Michael Rescan:** Football 10-11  
**John Richey:** Baseball 9-10; Basketball 9-12  
**Alexander James Ridgeway:** Soccer 11-12

**Adam L. Rosario:** Basketball 9  
**Jason M. Ross:** Band 9-12; Drama Club 11; Jazz band 9-11  
**Andrew Paul Saliga:** Football 9-10; Wrestling 9-10; Track 9-12; Diving 11-12  
**Amanda N. Salinas:** Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 12 / Academic All Conference 12; All Conference 11-12; Basketball 9-12 (All Conference 11-12; Academic All State 12); Track 9-12; NHS 11-12; CEC (pres. 10); Student Govt. 9, 11-12; Science Olympiad 9-12  
**Philip Ross Santner:** Cross Country 9-12; Track 10-12

**Saima Satti**  
**Jamie Savage:** DECA 11-12 (pres. 12); Basketball 9  
**Margaret Schaum:** Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 12); Basketball 9-12; Softball 9-12; Student Govt. 12  
**Brian Scheffel**  
**Derrick C. Schimming:** Band 9-12

**Alison Anne Schock:** Golf 9; SADD 9-10; Spanish Club 9-10; Drama Club 11  
**Ralph Schwandt:** Football 9-10; Wrestling 9  
**Brian M. Serrano:** German Club 9-10; DECA 11-12; Spanish Club 9-10  
**Poonam K. Shah:** NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 9-12; Tennis 9-11; Orchestra 9-10; Speech 9-10; Dollars for Scholars 11-12; SADD 9-11  
**Bradley Arthur Shapira:** *Paragon* (People Ed. 11 / Copy Ed. 12); Spanish Club 9-10; Quill and Scroll 11-12 (pres. 12); National Merit Commended Student 12

**Ryan P. Sherron**  
**Ki Hoon Shin:** CEC 9-12; German Club 10-11; Ensembles 11-12; NHS 11-12; Tennis 10  
**Bethany A. Shutko:** Drama Club 9-12; NHS 12; Spanish Club 9-10; Ensembles 10-12  
**Rachael Lynn Simpson:** German Club 9-11; Ensembles 10-12; Musical 9-12  
**Edna Situ:** Spanish Club 9-12; Art Club 11-12

**Tim Siukola:** German Club 9-11; Art Club 10  
**Jacob Alexander Skelton:** Football 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Basketball 9-10; Track 11-12; Wrestling 12  
**Jovica Jovan Skoric:** Drama 10-12; Soccer 11-12  
**Stephen Sleeper:** Track 9-11; Drama 11-12  
**Angela Rachelle Smith:** Cheerleading 9-10, 12; CEC 12



# FROM NEW BEETLES TO OLD JUNKERS, STUDENTS SPEND CASH ON RIDES

**UNmistakable**

## cruisin' along

top 10 cars

- 10 Ford Escort
- 9 Pontiac Grand Am
- 8 Toyota Corolla
- 7 Chevy Camaro
- 6 Oldsmobile Cutlass
- 5 Ford Mustang
- 4 Volkswagen Beetle
- 3 Chevy Malibu
- 2 Toyota Camry
- 1 Ford Taurus

204 students surveyed

### sibling support

After surveying sophomores, juniors, and seniors, students dish out the cash for their rides

do you drive to school?

58% yes

42% no

how much money do you spend on gas per week?

51% \$0-10

34% \$10-20

15% \$20-30

do you pay for your car insurance?

27% yes

73% no

204 students surveyed

### bill trovinger, senior

What kind of car he drives: 1982 Mercury Grand Marquis

Nickname: "Montel"

How he received the car: My mom was driving it and she got a new car, so I got it because no one was driving it.

Characteristics of the car: The windows didn't roll down, there was no heat, no air-conditioning. The rust spots on the outside add character to "Montel." And always, I had to have the new car scent air freshener.

Why he likes driving his car: I liked driving it because there was no other car in the parking lot like it, and I didn't have to worry about minor dents or scratches. The car really wasn't in good enough shape to worry about.

How much he spent on gas per week: \$26 a week, because I only got 6 miles per gallon which definitely wasn't good for my wallet.

### jay korcak, senior

What kind of car he drives: 1998 Red Ford Mustang

Cost: It ran for around \$18,000 at the time that I bought it, but my dad bought it online and we got the car for cheaper than that.

How he received the car: My parents ordered it the last day that you could buy the 1998 model. It was supposed to be for my birthday, but we got it a little late.

When he received the car: I got the car before the Lake Central football game my junior year which was right before Halloween of 1998.

Characteristics of the car: CD player, good speakers, nothing really special about the car besides that.

Why he likes driving his car: Because it looks nice and it gets me around.

How much he spent on gas per week: Between \$15 and \$20 every two weeks.



### taking off

While resting on his 1982 Mercury Grand Marquis, senior Bill Trovinger's chats with senior Jay Korczak, as he learns on his 1998 Ford Mustang. Whether old or new, every car served a purpose: to get students around.



Ellen K. Smith: Softball 9-10; CEC 9; SADD 9-12; Spanish Club 9-10; Glee Club 9  
Steve Smith: Swimming 10-12

Lynn Marie Smosna: German Club 10-11  
Elyse R. Soto: Drama 9-12; SADD 9-10; Spanish Club 9-10; Color Guard 9-12 (capt. 11-12); German Club 10; Auditorium Staff 11-12 (House Manager 12)

William Kyle Spear: Golf 9-12; Drama 9-12; NHS 11-12; Speech/Debate 11; Spanish Club 9-10

shop talk BETWEEN GUYS  
AND GIRLS

## different worlds

**"When girls saw each other, they acted like they hadn't seen each other in a year. Guys just said, 'Hey, how's it going?'" Ben Fabert, senior**

**"Girls felt free showing their feelings. Guys held their feelings in, so you didn't know if something was fine with them or not," Natalie Jordan, senior**

**"Guys and girls differed by the way they coped with others. Guys held grudges and girls got into fights and became friends again," Matt Ibarra, senior**

**"Guys seemed absent minded a lot of the time. Girls were smarter about social issues. Guys had problems expressing themselves," Jeannie Knish, senior**

**"Girls were concerned with their looks. Guys were too, but not as much. Guys were more into sports than their everyday appearance," Tomio Toyama, senior**

**"Girls seemed to be more sensitive than guys. Something that was done may have not hurt guys' feelings but would most likely hurt girls' feelings," Adriann Bishop, senior**

## lunch chat

While eating lunch, seniors Kelly Mercer, Emily Magliola and Korinne Ward catch up. "Girls were more apt to talk about their feelings than guys did," Kelly said.



- 5** Girls are more patient than guys are.
- 4** Guys don't spend as much time on their appearance than girls do.
- 3** Girls cry and guys fight.
- 2** Guys are less sensitive than girls.
- 1** Girls talk about their feelings and guys hold them in.

126 students surveyed

top 5  
differences

## float fix

To finish the senior float, seniors Kyle Brasel and Tom Bertagnoli work together. "Guys did the actual building," Tom said. "Girls did the decorating and final touches."



## Elizabeth Spolnik

Mary Spomar: Orchestra 9-11; Cheerleading 9-10; Student Govt. 9-11; German Club 9-10; NHS 12; Speech 11  
Brittany Lin Stasiak: Project X 9; Tennis 9; Ensembles 10-11; Soccer 11-12  
Michelle Christine Stenger: Band 9-11; Orchestra 10-12; French Club 9; German Club 9; SADD 9  
Milosh Stojanovic: Basketball 9-12



Marc Stojkovich: Football 9-12 (All Conference 11, capt. 12; Academic All State 12); Wrestling 9-12 (capt. 12); Baseball 9-12; Student Govt. 9-11  
Joshua Leigh Sudbury: Football 9-12; Wrestling 9-12 (capt. 12); Baseball 9  
Sara Syeda Sultana: Spanish Club 11-12  
Sarah Marie Susoreny: Volleyball 9; Diving 10  
Katy Szumlanski: Volleyball 9-10; Softball 9-12

Kathryn Shoshana Taber: Drama Club 9-12, French Club 9-12, Thespian 12, *Paragon* 11  
 Dana Talbot: Spanish Club 9-10; SADD 9; Swimming 9; Softball 9-12; DECA (sec. 12)  
 Christine Thacramonophab: Orchestra 9-10; NHS 11-12; German Club 10-12; Art Club 10-12; Dance Team 9-12 (capt. 12); Musical 11  
 Matthew A. Thompson: Video Club 9-10; German Club 10; CEC 12; Musical 9-10; Orchestra 9-12; Drama 10-11  
 Bobby Thompson: German Club 9-12; Art Club 10-11

Tomio J. Toyama: German Club 9-12; Football 10-12 (Academic All State 12); Wrestling 11; NHS 11-12; Soccer 9  
 Brian Treasure: Drama 9-12; Speech/Debate 9-10; French Club 10-12 (treas. 12); Video Club 9  
 William Louis Trovinger: Spanish Club 9; Football 11-12  
 Andrew A. Trzupek: Football 10  
 Allen Van Cura

Jason D. Vargo: Project X 9; Drama 11-12; Auditorium Staff 11-12 (Production Manager 12)  
 Jessica Lynn Vavrek: Spanish Club 10; Art Club 11-12 (treas. 12)  
 Kelly Ann Vliek: Dance Team 9-12 (co-capt. 10-12); Band 9-10; Spanish Club 10; CFC 11-12  
 Kiley Wallace: Soccer 9-12; Basketball 9-12; NHS 11-12  
 Korinne Ward: Dance Team 9; Student Gov. 1; 9; CEC 10

Bryan Edward Washausen: Football 9-12 (All-Conference 12; capt. 12); Wrestling 9; 12; Golf 10-12  
 Steven Eric Weick: Basketball 9-11; Soccer 9-10, 12; CFC (pres. 12); Musical 11-12  
 Brad Wenner: Band 9-12; Jazz Band  
 Thaddeus Wesolowski  
 Elizabeth Wiesner: Volleyball 9; Spanish Club 10-11

Sara Williamson: Track 9-10; Cross Country 9-10; French Club 9-10, 12 (pres. 12); *Crier* 10-12 (Head Pholog. 12); Swimming 9  
 Melissa Jane Witting: SADD 10; Video Club 9; Art Club 10  
 Eric Allen Yttri: Band 9-12; Spanish Club 9-12 (vice pres. 12); Jazz Band 9 12; Soccer 10; Wrestling 9-11; Project X 9 11; NHS 11-12; Orchestra 11; Speech/Debate 9-10  
 Thomas Zenos: Soccer 10-12; DECA 11-12; German Club 10-11; Spanish Club 9  
 Meltem Zeytinoglu: Speech/Debate 9-11; DECA

Justine Anne Gogolak: German Club 10-11  
 Haig T. Huyen: Swimming 9-12; Art Club 11-12; SADD 9-11; Project X 9-11; Mascot 12  
 Marisa Joens  
 Margaret Nolan: Basketball 9; Track 10  
 Steve Takas: Baseball 9-10, 12; French Club 9-11; German Club 10; Cross Country 9; Track 10; Speech and Debate 10-12; Drama 10-11



## Order of the Day

After picking out a chocolate and vanilla twist cone at Frozen Yogurt Express, Julie Streeter, junior, receives her dessert from the cashier. "The frogurt place was a good place to go if you wanted ice cream because it was quick and cheap," Julie said.



## Sweet Tooth

Searching the aisles for candy, Diana Santay, junior, picks up a bag of Skittles at The Little Store on her way home from school. "I lived so close to The Little Store so whenever I needed something it was just a little ways away," Diana said.



## Last Straw

While sipping their Pepsis at Schoops', Eric Yttri, senior, and Christine Blaine, junior, converse about their day in school. "Schoops" was one of the best places to eat in this area," Christine said. Not only did they have great hamburgers but they also had Green River.

## Footloose

Slowly starting her trudge for home, Stacy Frank, sophomore, uses the bike path to walk to her house. "My house was straight down from the school so I could use the bike path instead of walking around all those streets," Stacy said.



## Blocked Off

While scrimmaging at the Frank Hammond basketball courts, Steve Ashby, senior, attempts to block a shot by Billy Mucha, senior.





FUNSTER

# Munster

✓ Out of money

✓ Minus a car

✓ Half day break

Frisbee golf, Munster Gyros, Fitness Pointe prove that 'Funster' image has changed

With all her friends piled in the car, Jen Kaczka, junior, set out on a Friday night to see just what this town had to offer. With such places to spend time such as Fitness Pointe and Munster Gyros, various locations in the town made what known as the "Funster" reputation true.

"Everybody seemed to think Munster was just a boring, average town," Jen said. "But when you thought about it, we had so many advantages that other towns didn't have. We were so close to Chicago that we could easily drive down there for concerts, shopping, or whatever else there was to do."

Along with restaurants and public places, students found their entertainment in the outdoors as well. Parks and recreation sites provided amusement for the students.

"My friends and I played Frisbee golf a lot when the weather was warm," Evan Jones, senior, said. "In fact, Community Park probably became our hangout for a while."

Just as physical activities appealed to students, Munster fulfilled their choice to spend their pastime in motion.

"When Fitness Pointe opened, it was a major addition to this town," Maripatrice O'Connell, junior, said. "There was so much you could do there, like boxing and work out classes. Plus, it was so helpful because instead of going all the way to Ommi, we could just stay in Munster and not go out too far."

With all the activities in Munster that took place, students had many options to choose from on the weekend.

"It was fun to see the local bands that would play around here," Renee Katsinis, junior, said. "You just had to look around for them on the weekends. Sometimes you could see a Groovatron concert or a Table 9 concert in Community Park or some church parking lot."

Even with all the many attractions that other towns had to offer, Munster proved just as promising with everything it had to appeal to the students during their weekends.

## On the Run

Doing her daily jog around the town, Laura Dunn, junior, makes her way back to her house. "Munster was really fun to jog through because of all the different things you could see," Laura said.

After stuffing themselves at Applebee's and a quick run to Hollywood video, Jen and her friends chose to end their night with a quick run through the Dairy Queen drive-through.

We'll miss you,  
Mrs. Westland!  
Thanks for a  
wonderful year!

Love your senior  
girls,  
Karen Lorenzen,  
Julie Kucek,  
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## hot spots

### Staying in the Region, students seek fun options

"I went to the movies at Showplace 16, went bowling at Stardust and shopped at River Oaks, those were the major things I did in this area."

-Elise Elias, sophomore

"For a bit of a drive, I went out to Oakbrook, because it gave more shopping alternatives. And when I was at home, I would make up my own dance and then show all my friends. We also went to Borders to hang out."

-Rachael Chemerinsky, senior

"I spent lots of time at youth groups and at bible study in my free time."

-Ester Economou, freshman

"I went to Community Park and hit around to improve my tennis skills."

-John Castor, junior

"I liked to hang out with my friends and it really didn't matter where we were, we still had fun."

-Steve Flores, freshman

"Often times my friends and I hung out at Borders or at the movies when something new came out."

-Eric Drabenstot, sophomore

"My friends and I went out to Vortex and other cool clubs to hang out and party on weekends."

-Sarah Bunting, junior

"Basically my weekends were filled with local parties and just hanging out with my friends."

-Mike Noworyta, senior



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## hot spots

Faced with lack of cash, students find things to do on limited income

"Me and my friends usually didn't have anything to do because Munster is such a great town, so we ended up going bowling or playing pool,"

-John O'Block, senior-

"My friends and I test drove cars. On senior ditch day, we didn't know what to do so my friend took me to a Volkswagen dealer and it was a lot of fun."

-Melissa Witting, senior-

"I usually rode my bike a lot and played Frisbee golf because I liked to be outside when it was nice out. I saved my money for one big purchase instead of many small things. Instead of going to Prom and having fun for one night, I bought a guitar, it lasted a lot longer."

-Kyle Hathaway, junior-

"I went miniature golfing because it was getting warmer and I wanted to be outside with my friends. I liked cheap activities because they allowed me to do more, maybe I could do two things instead of one."

-Lisa Kolar, junior-

"My friend has this 400-watt kicker and sometimes we put it in a car and drove around to scare people."

-Gadeir Abbas, sophomore-

"In the summer I loved watching basketball, swimming, and playing volleyball."

-Wendy Hoffman, sophomore-

"I went to Lisabets café with my friends for their wonderfully good cheesecake and to see local bands."

-Kristi Skrundz, freshman-

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-Aaron Cheek, freshman-



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# Munster Mustang Hockey Team



Front row, left: Mike Bahner, Dave Daniels, Jim Schmelzer, Eric Bukowski, Vince Sochacki, Tom Newman. Middle row: Kurt Prumak (coach), Kyle Parker, Ben Massie, Tom Kaiser, Chris Barnes, Bryan Kowalczyk, Brian Daniels, Tim Nosich (coach). Back row: John Semko, Scott Newman, Lowell Werner, Devin Holtz, Steve Desancic, Brian Treasure, Dan Shelton (coach). Not pictured: Steve Persic.

| Northern Illiana Varsity A League                 |                  |   |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Munster                                           | Opponent         |   |
| 7                                                 | DeLaSalle        | 2 |
| 7                                                 | Sandburg         | 7 |
| 0                                                 | T.F. South       | 2 |
| 0                                                 | Lincoln-Way      | 7 |
| 2                                                 | Lake Central (B) | 1 |
| 4                                                 | DeLaSalle        | 4 |
| 4                                                 | Highland         | 1 |
| 6                                                 | Sandburg         | 5 |
| 2                                                 | Crown Point      | 3 |
| 1                                                 | T.F. South       | 4 |
| 5                                                 | Lincoln-Way      | 6 |
| 5                                                 | Lake Central (B) | 0 |
| 2                                                 | Sandburg         | 1 |
| 2                                                 | Highland         | 3 |
| 6                                                 | DeLaSalle        | 1 |
| 6                                                 | T.F. South       | 5 |
| 5                                                 | Crown Point      | 2 |
| 1                                                 | Lincoln-Way      | 2 |
| Record 9-7-2                                      |                  |   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Place No. Illiana H.S.H.L. Var. A |                  |   |

| No. Illiana H.S.H.L. Tournament |             |   |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---|
| Munster                         | Opponent    |   |
| 5                               | Sandburg    | 4 |
| 2                               | Lincoln-Way | 4 |

| Indiana Crossover Games |                  |   |
|-------------------------|------------------|---|
| Munster                 | Opponent         |   |
| 4                       | S.B. St. Joseph  | 7 |
| 4                       | F.W. North Side  | 3 |
| 1                       | Lake Central (A) | 5 |
| 1                       | Columbus         | 8 |
| 4                       | New Haven        | 6 |
| 4                       | New Haven        | 2 |
| 0                       | S.B. Riley       | 4 |
| 4                       | Mish. Marian     | 2 |
| 3                       | S.B. Adams       | 8 |
| 1                       | S.B. St. Joseph  | 7 |
| 6                       | S.B. Riley       | 8 |
| 1                       | S.B. Adams       | 4 |
| Record 3-9-0            |                  |   |

| Indiana A Tier 2 Tournament |                  |   |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---|
| Munster                     | Opponent         |   |
| 10                          | Lake Central (B) | 0 |
| 6                           | Highland         | 1 |
| 1                           | F.W. North Side  | 5 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place       |                  |   |

| No. Illiana Junior Varsity League             |                |    |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|----|
| Munster                                       | Opponent       |    |
| 3                                             | Plainfield     | 6  |
| 5                                             | Homewd.Flossm. | 4  |
| 2                                             | Crown Point    | 4  |
| 0                                             | Bishop Noll    | 4  |
| 2                                             | Lincoln-Way    | 2  |
| 2                                             | Lincoln-Way    | 4  |
| 0                                             | Providence JV2 | 10 |
| 0                                             | Lincoln-Way    | 5  |
| 2                                             | Bishop Noll    | 3  |
| 2                                             | Homewd.Flossm. | 6  |
| 5                                             | Crown Point    | 5  |
| 0                                             | Bishop Noll    | 12 |
| 0                                             | Providence JV2 | 6  |
| 1                                             | Plainfield     | 7  |
| 0                                             | Providence JV2 | 7  |
| 1                                             | Plainfield     | 2  |
| 0                                             | Homewd.Flossm. | 4  |
| 4                                             | Crown Point    | 8  |
| Record 1-15-2                                 |                |    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Pl. No. Illiana H.S.H.L. J.V. |                |    |

Offensive MVP – Jim Schmelzer  
 Defensive MVP – Dave Daniels  
 Team MVP – Vince Sochacki  
 JV MVP – Tom Newman

Mike Markovich Award – Lowell Werner  
 Most Improved – Mike Bahner  
 "Head Hunter" – Dave Daniels  
 JV "Iron Man" Award – The JV team

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Kristina, and  
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"Moonlight" and Roses!  
Get it?!



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John Premetz

John,  
Congratulations  
and good luck in  
the future.

Love  
Mom and Dad

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for you Mary! Good luck  
at Ball State!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Dan, Tim  
and Thumper

Mary Spomar



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Bryan Washausen

Congratulations Bryan,  
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## hot spots

Early dismissals allow students to explore local restaurants

"Most of the time my friends and I went out to eat at either Applebee's or Bakers Square. Then we would either go shopping at River Oaks or Southlake. It was fun just to hang out with them."

-Poonam Shah, senior-

"On a late half day, I like to just sleep. On a regular half day I would go out to eat with my friends at Dairy Queen or somewhere close. Then we would usually go to someone's house."

-Nicole Gregor, freshman-

"I liked to go home and sleep because I was broke and it gave me time to catch up on sleep."

-Thad Wesolowski, senior-

"I usually went out golfing at Wicker Park with my friends or I went to the movies."

-Ian Holloway, freshman-

"I went out to eat most of the time at Taco Bell with the same people every time."

-Joe Jaksich, sophomore-

"I played cards usually at (seniors) Pat Cailles's, John Premetz's or Marc Stojkovich's house. John loses his wad most times which is hilarious."

-Jon Depa, senior-

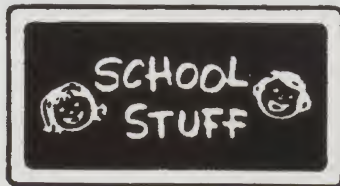
"First I go out to eat. Then I go fishing at the hole in White Oak Estates sometimes, other times I go golfing at Briar Ridge. But most of the time I just go to a buddies' house and hang out."

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businesses

"My friends and I always walked to the Frozen Yogurt Express in the summer and we rented a lot of movies because we could walk to Box Office Video or Hollywood Video, any place that we could walk that was what we did."

-Matt Domasica, freshman-

"I used the computer, watched movies with friends and people rollerbladed a lot."

-Natalie Clippert, freshman-

"I hung out at with friends at a house, watch movies together, or we played games together like Taboo, Scategories and You Don't Know Jack."

-Chris Pykosz, sophomore-

"I sat and hung out at a friend's house and watched movies, or just sat around and played my sax, bass or drums because I enjoyed doing that and there was nothing better to do with my time."

-Eric Flores, junior-

"You could do things that required you to only stay in one place, such as go to a friend's house or you could walk to the video store and rent a movie."

-Emily Stermer, junior-

"I would watch a movie, call my friends or go online, besides babysitting for my nephew who was over all the time."

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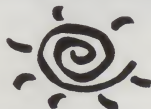
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## hot spots

When boredom hits, students travel beyond city limits for fun times

"My friends and I went places like Michigan City beach, because we always had fun and it was the nicest beach around here."

-Brian Lerner, junior-

"After I got my license, I went downtown when I wanted to, and I went shopping a lot by myself, and got to visit friends that lived far away."

-Maripatrice O'Connell, junior-

"I went to all types of concerts. I loved music, and it was great being able to drive myself to concerts that I wanted to go to, instead of having to beg my parents to take me."

-Andrea Williams, junior-

"I liked going to Great America with my friends for a change from Munster. It was great to get away for a while and go out and have fun."

-Michelle Leverenz, sophomore-

"I liked going to drive out to the beach with my friends to have fun and party. The beach has always been one of my favorite places."

-Carrie Henley, senior-

"My friends and I always had fun going to Navy Pier. We went and sat in the sand by the lake and relaxed and had a great time."

-Heidi Gibbs, senior-

"When there wasn't anything fun to do in Munster, we went downtown to restaurants like Ed Debevic's and Gino's East and had lots of fun."

-Brooke Berry, sophomore-

"My friends and I had fun just driving around. I liked driving around, listening to the radio and just hanging out with all of my friends."

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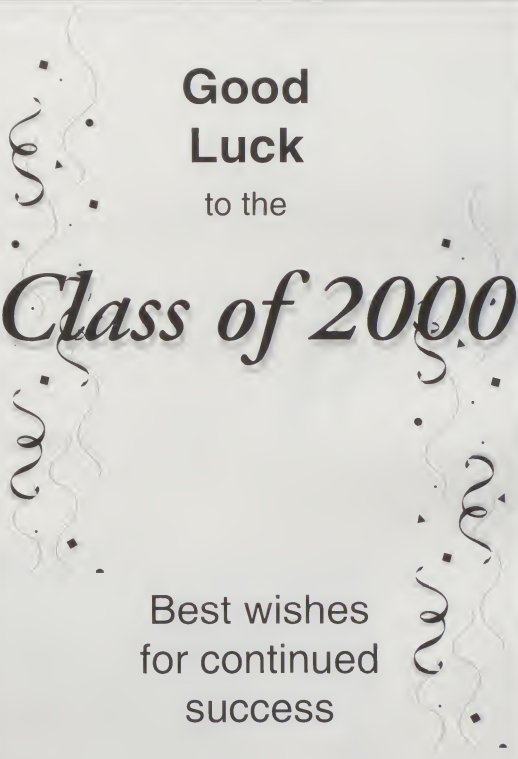
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to the

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# hot spots

Short on cash,  
students discover  
local activities that  
cost little

"My friends and I test drove cars. On senior ditch day, we didn't know what to do so my friend took me to a Volkswagon dealer and it was a lot of fun."

-Melissa Witting, senior-

"Me and my friends usually didn't have anything to do because Munster is such a great town, so we end up going bowling or playing pool."

-John O'Block, senior-

"I went to Lisabets café with my friends for their wonderfully good cheesecake and to see local bands."

-Kristi Skrundz, freshman-

"In the summer I loved watching basketball, swimming, and playing volleyball"

-Wendy Hoffman, sophomore-

"My friends and I rented movies whenever we were broke. It was a cheap way to spend the night with friends."

-Aaron Cheek, freshman -

"My friend has this 400-watt kicker and sometimes we put it in a car and drove around to scare people."

-Gadier Abbas, sophomore-

"I went miniature golfing because it was getting warmer and I wanted to be outside with my friends. I liked cheap activities because they allowed me to do more, maybe I could do two things instead of one."

-Lisa Kolar, junior-



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#### Mixing It Up

Freshmen Amy Hayes, Jessica Kovach, Angie Ritchie, juniors Julie Joseph, Jamie Rosko, and Leslie Parker, freshman pose in the mixing bowls at Great Harvest Bread Company.



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Checking out the menu at Sanfratello's, juniors Lindsay Holajter and Michelle Sopher, checkout the varied menu as they prepare to fill themselves with tasty Italian food.

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Doing the splits at TNT Twisters, Betsy Pottorff, junior, stretches before practicing her routine. TNT Twisters served as a place for students to try their hand at gymnastics.



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## hot spots

Keeping curfews in mind, students cram evenings with activities

"Before curfew, I usually go to Showplace with my friends to see the newest movies. It gives me time to hang out with my friends and have fun too."

-Robbie Collins, freshman

"Before the 11 p.m. curfew, I liked to go miniature golfing or go out to eat somewhere around Munster. Not a lot of people from school went golfing a lot, so it was something different that my friends and I liked to do."

-Melissa Leslie, freshman

"It wasn't hard to find something to do before that late at night, around 10 p.m. I liked to go to movies with my friends and maybe out to the mall to go shopping."

-Michelle Peiguss, sophomore

"Before curfew came around on the weekends, I liked to go and play pool with my friends at Crazy Eights. Playing pool was something that I enjoyed doing and it was not expensive to get involved in."

-James Olasebikan, sophomore

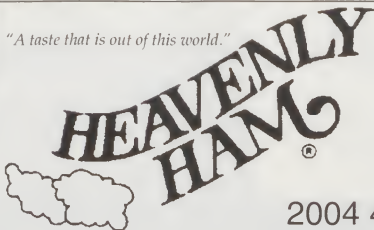
"My friends and I went out to El Amigo before curfew on the weekends and sometimes during the week. We went there because it wasn't overly priced and we all thought of it as the best Mexican food around."

-Aaron Barnes, senior

"Because of my job at McDonald's just about every day after school and on weekends, I never had the chance to go out with my friends. If I did have the time to go out, I would have wanted to go to the movies or out to dinner. That would've been so much fun."

-Megan Kikalos, senior

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### Lunch Bunch

As they check out the freshly baked bread of the day and decide on what they want for lunch, juniors Karla Bales and Marnie Norris, talk about the delicious food before them at Heavenly Ham in Highland.



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## hot spots

Students use extended curfews to spend nights out on the town

"Usually we went bowling and when we were done with that, we made fun of people working drive-through windows."

-JP Hus, sophomore-

"We usually went to my friend Pat's (Hanas, junior) house. If we couldn't find anyone, that's usually where they were."

-Megan Graykowski, junior-

"When my friend just got her car and we loved to go into the city of somewhere our parents wouldn't want to take us. How else were we going to have fun?"

-Christina Bernacchi, sophomore-

"I was too young to drive so if I was in a car with someone, it was usually my parents and I and I just did whatever they did."

-Bob Hoffman, freshman-

"My friends and I listened to music and talked about what was on our minds while going to the mall, movies, or heading to a coffee shop."

-Jessica Economou, junior-

"I just roamed around with my friends and looked for parties on the weekend."

-Josh Reed, senior-

"If I was going around at night, I would stop somewhere like a 'Round the Clock' so I could have a pop or something."

-Diana Huerta, freshman-

"If I was driving around with my friends, we would drive out to the beach if it was warm or to the park or something like that."

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wins Tour de France  
three years after  
recovering from  
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Hurricane Floyd hits East Coast –  
51 die, \$5 billion in damages  
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1  
Walter Payton, a.k.a.  
"Sweetness," dies at  
age 45 of Primary  
Sclerosing Cholangitis  
before a donor liver can  
be found

12  
Fun Fair sponsored by  
Project X to raise  
money

19  
Mrs. Renee Kouris  
announces retirement  
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*Return to the Forbidden  
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Mr. Doug Fix's second hour  
 AP Government class places  
 third at "We the People"  
 State in Indianapolis

Time Warner-AOL  
 merger, valued  
 together at \$350  
 billion

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Dollars for Scholars  
 Phone-A-Thon raises  
 nearly \$5,000

Mr. Tripenfeldas  
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Tennessee 16; Tennessee's Kevin  
Dyson tackled by St. Louis  
linebacker Mike Jones three feet  
from goal line as time expired



"Stand By Me" theme  
for Turnabout; tickets  
\$32 per couple



Santana snags nine  
Grammys for album  
"Supernatural"

## february



Susan Hay breaks 10-year Girls'  
Basketball scoring record, with 996  
career points, besting previous 897  
point record



Charles Schulz, author of  
the *Peanuts* comic strip dies  
on the day his last original  
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## march

Boys' Basketball Team captures first Sectional title in 11 years, defeating Gary Roosevelt, 62-59

Record 15 Munster students selected for IU Honors program for summer study in Spain, Mexico and France

## april

"Emergency Pep Rally" recognizes Boys' Basketball Conference Championship, Girls' Basketball Sectionals and Boys' Swimming State

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Early prom moved to  
 Villa Cesare in  
 Scheerville to provide  
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 couples

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March of Dimes Walk-  
 A-Thon raises money  
 for birth defects

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Michigan State defeats  
 Florida 89-76 in the finals of  
 the NCAA Tournament

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Staged accident set up  
 in South parking lot to  
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## colophon

From the beginning of our ladder building to the sealing of the last graduation spread, we took an incredible journey filled with roadblocks and wonderful relief.

We fought, we yelled, we laughed, we stressed, but in the end all that mattered was the completed 256-page great yearbook. Unbelievable that a 7UP ad campaign could fill a whole yearbook with countless ideas.

Of course there was the work, but we really did have a good time. Mary seemed always "in the process" for her designs, as Erin wrote her template "I am a mouse" subheads and Laura filed the photos in her "Whatever" folders. Nate snapped one night and disappeared for a few minutes only to return looking like Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer with antler-like branches rubbed banded to his head. Brad would rap songs that weren't even real to his own tune, and through it all, Mary would just sit there and laugh. Although the hours spent in our tiny room called "the Pub" were hectic, we still found ways to enjoy ourselves.

Even Feb. 3, that horrible, dreadful... ahh it wasn't that bad. Five courageous souls stayed all night until 12:30 p.m. the next day, as positive things happened to bring us together, creating a unified staff. Nate and Brad kept up spirits...with their fake fights and rapping episodes. Mrs. Hastings even joined in by adding that she "wanted it all" and for some reason chimed in "Hoody Hoo." A night to remember that's for sure.

We'd like to thank some special people. First, Lisa Keene, our Herff Jones representative, for her advice and food, from Café Fondue to much needed dilly bars. Mr. Don Milsap and Halterman Studios, Inc. for

the photographic advice, and Mr. David Russell for printing those team photos in a snap. And obviously a huge, huge, huge, huge thanks to Mrs. Hastings who stayed with us every hour that we were here.

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The cover features a custom embossed, laminated two-color litho staff-design, featuring Herff Jones Colonial Blue, HJ286 and Photoshop 6.5 designed logo.

All pages were submitted on disk, using PageMaker 6.5 and Adobe Photoshop. Our staff photos shot, processed, and rolled 550 rolls of black and white Kodak Cosmos film. Halterman Photography Studios in Ottawa, IL, shot all underclass and senior portraits and club group shots.

The 1999 edition, "You Can't Make This Stuff Up" earned a Columbia Scholastic Press Association Silver Crown, a National Scholastic Press Association Pacemaker, and second place Best of Show at the JEA/NSPA Fall National Convention in Atlanta.

As the school year came to a close so did our 256-page journey filled with UNconventional ideas, UNcanny tales and UNparallelled fun. Sealing our last box, tears came to our eyes...well, no it didn't, but we were definitely relieved that our journey had finally ended.

Class of 2000 takes final high school walk at fieldhouse graduation ceremonies

Seven Speech and Debate Team members leave for Nationals in Portland, OR



### above the rim

After his team's first sectional championship since 1989, Head Boys' Basketball Coach Dave Knish, Westlake teacher, snips the last piece of net off the rim at East Chicago. The team defeated Gary Roosevelt 62-59 for the title, but lost to Merrillville, 73-56, at Regionals three days later, ending the season at 18-5. Coach Knish stepped down as basketball coach at the end of the year.

### joint effort

With a combined attempt to finish their work in Mr. Art Haverstock's Biology class, freshmen Nate Burchfield and Chris Carles complete an assignment. "Two heads are always better than one," Nate said. "We didn't always get to work in groups or with a partner, but when we did, it really helped."

### vein drain

With her eyes focused on the ceiling, Kelly Metz, senior, tries to not pay attention to the needle in her arm. Kelly donated a pint of blood to help the Red Cross with their blood drive in the fieldhouse, Thursday, April 6.



### bottoms up

Carefully marking his two-liter bottle with an exactoknife, Matt Guanzon, sophomore, prepares for his event entitled "Bottle Rocket." As part of the Academic Competition Club, Matt worked on several hands-on activities.



### careful cutting

To add to the Winter Homecoming decorations, seniors Sarah Johnson and Alison Schock put the final touches on their class poster.



# UNbelievable

moments from championships to tin foiled students highlight year 2000

**S**tudents' **UNconventional** style brought 1,257 together  
To form a unified school making their lives better

Some walked through the halls one final time  
While others studied to find the numbers of prime

With an early April 15 Prom, students made a loud boom

Even though Villa Cesare proved worth all the room

During Millenium Week, they took a trip through the years

From **UNCanny** hippies to tin foil up to their ears

Mr. Kent Lewis' marketing class strayed away from a written test  
By reopening the bookstore which helped them learn best

Excelling in extracurriculars, they didn't put studies to a halt  
Like junior Chris Newcomb's

**UNparalleled** record in the pole vault

## exciting learning

In Mrs. Renee Kouris, fourth hour Drama class, Roman Teller, junior, and Kelly Vliet, senior, scream out answers in charades. Students' UNharnessed spirit in and out of class provided them with a fun way to learn in classroom and a jolt of adrenaline on the playing field.

Seven Speech and Debate members outdueled competition  
And prepared for Nationals in Portland, OR with more repetition

Boys' Basketball Coach Dave Knish and his troops ventured into EC  
And walked out with a Sectional Championship trophy

Now what do you think,  
did we prove us  
unique?  
If we did you know that

**UN**  
**in UN ster**  
really isn't that bleak

### strike a pose

In hopes of improving her camera skills, Becky Herron, sophomore, studies directional light and how it impacts exposure with Ryan Trojanski, sophomore. "Photography helped me to be able to use a camera and understand its functions better for the future," Becky said.

### two cents

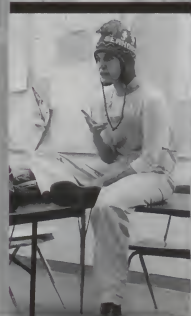
To involve herself in a verbal critique of the most recent *Crier*, Ads Editor Meaghen Lober, senior, gives her opinion to the rest of the staff. "Critiquing *Crier* was a good way to find our strengths and weaknesses and hopefully ensure that we wouldn't make the same mistakes in future issues," Meaghen said.

### close at hand

Gripping his ear and covering his mouth, Paul Rogers, junior, competes in a game of "Simon Says" in German class. "It was a great learning experience to play 'Simon Says,'" Paul said. "We were able to learn body parts really well, and that paid off during quiz time."

### last breath

During the final minutes of the regional championship against Merrillville, Aaron Jillson, senior, collapses on the court after getting fouled by a Merrillville opponent. A few moments later, Jillson scored his 1,318th point breaking the school record by a single point



### lasting memories

Football players dance to their traditional song, "Donkey Butt" at

Prom. "It was really special to be in the huddle with the guys together one last time," Marc Stojkovich, senior, said.









